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## Floating Object Spotted

Honolulu, Aug. 19.  
Lt. Charles Rice, a Corsair pilot from the 322 Marine fighter squadron, reported late yesterday that he spotted a floating object resembling a body near the scene of the crash in which Mr. George Atcheson, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, was missing.

A despatcher dispatched to the scene found an empty life belt but the Navy did not disclose whether this was the object spotted or whether the jacket was from the Atcheson plane.—United Press.

### Search Continues

A dozen Army, Navy and Marine search and rescue planes joined the 11th of seven destroyers, one Navy oiler and one Coast Guard cutter in criss-crossing an area 35 miles wide and 52 miles long. They worked over a boxed off area west of Oahu on the theory that the bodies might have drifted many miles since the plane went down 25 minutes flying time from land.

All search and rescue craft were given the alert to investigate every piece of debris because the plane was said to be carrying highly confidential and important State papers.—United Press.

### Death Certain

Honolulu, Aug. 19.  
The death of Ambassador George Atcheson, along with nine other persons, is regarded as virtually certain by the military authorities.

The Hawaiian Sea Frontier force reported there was no trace of the missing men in the rough seas and their chance of surviving 36 hours were so slender that almost no hope remained.—Associated Press.

### Likely Successor

Washington, Aug. 19.  
William J. Sebald is a likely successor to Ambassador Atcheson on the Allied Control Council for Japan, a State Department spokesman said.

He added, however, that official hope is still held that Mr. Atcheson may have survived the loss of the plane taking him from Tokyo to Washington for consultations.

Sebald, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, is a member of Mr. Atcheson's staff at Tokyo.

The appointment of the American representative on the Control Council is in General Douglas MacArthur's hands and the spokesman said the State Department was not attempting to anticipate his action.—Associated Press.

## China's Terms For Jap Peace Treaty

Shanghai, Aug. 19.  
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has completed a draft of the Japanese peace treaty and is seeking the approval of the Executive Yuan to form a committee of Japan experts to discuss every aspect of it, according to Chinese press reports today.

Although Foreign Office officials have hitherto refused to give any inkling of its contents, the influential newspaper, "Ta Kung Pao" claims to have learned reliably that the official Chinese attitude on the Japanese question is as follows:—

# PRICES OF CHINA'S EXPORTS SHOOTING SKYWARD

## Threat To Expected Effect Of New Foreign Exchange Regulations

### CUTTING THEIR OWN THROATS?

Shanghai, Aug. 19.  
The prices of the majority of China export items skyrocketed on the Shanghai market today, threatening to nullify the expected beneficial effects on trade of the new foreign exchange regulations.

Dealers in tung oil, tea, silk, textile, hides and other commodities have boosted their quotations in the past 24 hours to a level almost equivalent to, and in one or two cases even higher than, the current market prices abroad.

In the case of Keemun tea, for instance, the United States market price is US\$38.50 per tan (110 lb.) or CN\$1,463,000 at today's Central Bank open market buying rate of \$38,500, the same rate as yesterday.

The price in Shanghai last Saturday was CN\$1,000,000 per tan, but the price rose to \$1,500,000 today, or above the United States market price.

Similarly, tung oil, priced in the United States at US\$25.30 per tan or CN\$961,000, has risen from Saturday's quotation of CN\$670,000 to nearly CN\$1,000,000.

Economic circles here today warned that unless this unjustified price-raising is checked immediately, the new measures will be robbed of their expected beneficial effect on the foreign trade of this country.—Reuter.

### Increases

Price increases have been registered especially in the case of goods previously imported at the official rate of CN\$12,000 to US\$1.

Petrol, which previously sold at CN\$6,000 a gallon—a price at which it was cheaper than distilled water—was hiked this morning to CN\$13,000 a gallon, or roughly 33 American cents.

Despite official warnings that such an action might torpedo the whole purpose of the new exchange policy, many Chinese dealers have boosted prices of export goods to a level corresponding with the open market rate of American dollars.

Economic experts have urged the Government to do everything possible to maintain a stable market level here. They say

that unless it does so exporters will find themselves in the same position as they were when they sold foreign exchange to the Central Bank at the official rate of CN\$12,000 to one American dollar.

The Commercial Counsellor of one of the foreign embassies in China told Associated Press:— "It is quite clear that China will never be able to get her economic house in order until the civil war ends. That's the only solution."—Associated Press.

## Denial

Nanking, Aug. 19.  
An authoritative source today denied that China's first general election, scheduled to take place this autumn, will be postponed indefinitely as reported in the local press.

It is learned, however, that an agreement has been reached between the Kuomintang and the minority parties regarding election procedures—whether the election should be a free-for-all, as advocated by the Kuomintang, or to be based on the nation system, as desired by the minorities, under which every fourth seat in the National Assembly would be allocated to non-Kuomintang candidates to fight out.—Reuter.

## Plan To Combat Smugglers

Shanghai, Aug. 19.  
The Chinese Government announced today that Chinese Customs officials will start functioning in Hong Kong soon to stop smuggling in South China under the agreement reached between the Customs Administration and the Hong Kong Government which has been approved by the Executive Yuan.

The Information Office listed four measures to be adopted by the Ministry of Finance to intensify anti-smuggling operations in South China:—

(1) More customs stations and sub-stations will be established at land frontiers and various islands where revenue cutters will be anchored. Flotillas of gunboats provided by the general headquarters of the Chinese Navy will ply in the Pearl River.

(2) Armed smuggling prevention forces will be enlarged and equipped with better arms and telecommunication devices.

(3) Land and sea traffic will be more closely watched. Air transportation is to be thoroughly inspected.

(4) Large cutters will be employed in smuggling prevention work so that long-range cruising

Based on Saturday market prices, exporters could make a fair profit on shipments in tea, tung-oil, hog bristles, silk and textiles. During Monday and Tuesday the prices of exportable commodities soared, almost nullifying all benefits the new regulations intended to give exporters.

Unless the Government strictly controls prices of exportable commodities, exports cannot be appreciably increased and Government licensing of imports cannot possibly be increased in view of government's desire to cut down on the adverse trade balance.—United Press.

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## Disaster In Cadiz

Madrid, Aug. 19.  
A catastrophic explosion in a naval arsenal near the great south Spanish port of Cadiz last night sent fires racing through the city and caused a mass exodus of the population.

Early today (Tuesday) all roads leading out of Cadiz were jammed by people fleeing from the city. Only doctors and nurses answering urgent appeals for aid were allowed to enter Cadiz.

An explosion at 9.30 p.m. shattered windows in the world-famous wine centre of Jerez de la Frontera, 10 miles from Cadiz and shook cities 60 miles away like a distant earthquake.

Reports from Seville, 60 miles north of Cadiz, say the first blast occurred in the village of Puntales, three miles from Cadiz, when a supply of depth charges exploded. Earlier reports indicated that the blast occurred in the Larrinaga and Echevarrieta shipyards.

Sources in Huelva, a small seaport 60 miles north-west of Cadiz, report that a red glow could be seen in the sky over the stricken city. The submarine base at Cadiz was among the points reportedly menaced by the flames.

Telephone and telegraph communications with the city are completely disrupted and the electric power supply has failed. Radio, the only available means of communication, has devoted itself to broadcasting urgent appeals for assistance.

Doctors and nurses from all communities in the neighbourhood of Cadiz have been urged to rush to the scene of the disaster to aid in the rescue work.—United Press.

### LATER

The Mayor of Cadiz reported at noon that over 200 were killed and between 5,000 and 6,000 injured. This was a provisional estimate.

The Spanish news agency estimated that 300 lost their lives. It said that 100 torpedoes in a factory exploded, demolishing buildings in the poorer quarter of the town and causing "like a continuous earthquake" through the night.

Ships in Cadiz harbour are reported to be undamaged.—United Press.

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## Bomb In Downing Street

London, Aug. 19.  
The police found a home-made bomb under the arches leading from Downing Street to the Foreign Office quadrangle today.

The bomb consisted of two electric batteries bound together and wired to a small glass jar with a metal cover which contained a greyish powder.

The police disconnected the batteries and removed it. A Home Office expert declared it harmless.—United Press.

## Smoke Bomb Starts A Stampede

At 10.30 a.m. yesterday morning, a smoke bomb exploded in Des Voeux Road West near house No. 223.

The smoke resulting from the explosion caused a wild stampede but the situation was under control when the source was discovered by a police party from No. 7 Police Station.

It was ascertained that the bomb was a marine float signal used for rescue work at sea.

It was accidentally let off by a civilian and there was no intention.

## Saigon Outposts Strengthened

Paris, Aug. 18.  
French military posts around Saigon in Indo-China have been strengthened as a precaution against guerrilla attacks.

It was two years ago on August 19 that the Viet Nam "revolution" began, culminating in the abdication of Bao Dai, Emperor of Annam, and in the proclamation of the Viet-Nam Republic by Dr. Ho Chi Minh.

Viet-Nam Nationalist papers published special editions with descriptions of the "glorious revolution" and banner headlines carrying slogans such as "Independence or Death."

Meanwhile, in Paris, the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, from the Socialist Party Congress at Lyons, where the cry of "Peace in Indo-China" was raised, held an immediate meeting with several Cabinet Ministers to discuss the Government's proposals for Indo-China, where a conflict between the French and Viet-Nam troops has been dragging on for nine months.

The meeting ended shortly before two o'clock this afternoon, when M. Ramadier declined to make any comment, but later it was announced that the meeting of the full Cabinet to discuss Indo-China, planned for tomorrow, had been postponed until Wednesday.

Observers here say the progress of the restricted Cabinet talks on Indo-China, begun on Saturday and resumed this morning, as a tug-of-war between Ministers who desire a more liberal solution and those non-Socialist Ministers who fear repercussions in other parts of the French Union if too many concessions are made to the Viet-Nam.

Report Presented

M. Emile Rolland, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, who is paying his second visit to Paris in two months at the

The Weather

A depression has entered the coast near Kwangchow and has become very feeble. A weak trough of low pressure extends from Hainan to Hanoi and thence to Central China to Mongolia. Pressure is high over the Sea of Japan, and over the Pacific, E. of Japan and in the S. China Sea. The Tibetan anticyclone has extended over W. China.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate southerly winds, becoming fair.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum 84.5 deg. F. Minimum 73.4 deg. F. Rainfall 12.0 mm. = 0.47 inch. Total since Jan. 1, 1947, 1041.1 mm. = 40.99 inches. At Canton, an average of 1022.2 mm. = 40.24 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m. today:—Temperature 77.1 deg. F. Humidity 76 per cent. Dew Point 74 deg. F. Wind direction 210. Wind force 10 knots.

## ATTEMPT BEING MADE TODAY TO SETTLE STRIKE

The first step in the attempt to bring a settlement to the Colony's mechanics strike, now in its fifth day, will be taken today. Representatives from the dockyards, including the Royal Naval Dock, will meet officials of the Chinese Engineers Institute at 3 p.m. in the Labour Office to initiate negotiations on the strikers' demand.

The conference was arranged following an interview which representatives of the Institute had with the Labour Officer yesterday morning. The previous day they were asked to see the Labour Officer. Told that the employers would meet them, they signified their willingness to discuss terms with them.

There was a further walk-out yesterday when some 28 men of the Folklum Pumping Station and 10 men of the Bowen Road Pumping Station left their posts.

The 50-odd men at the Tylam Tuk Pumping Station gave notice yesterday that they would walk out this morning.

The walk-out of men was the subject of a complaint lodged with the Chinese Engineers Institute by the Labour Officer yesterday afternoon.

A Complaint

"We never ordered these men to come out, though we have every right to, as they are members of our Institute. If they have come out it is of their own free will, in sympathy with their brother members on strike, and we can do nothing," said Institute officials yesterday.

Latest to join in the strike were some 25 men of the mechanical staff at the Government Quarry at To Kwa Wan, Kowloon, who downed tools yesterday.

Dairy Farm

A threat to food supplies and perishables in cold storage in the Dairy Farm cold storage installation caused the management to send an urgent appeal to the Chinese Engineers Institute to keep their men on till yesterday afternoon, so that they could find someone to take over.

This was agreed to, but by 4 p.m. yesterday, (the deadline) they had still not found people to handle the installation's mechanism. The strikers have extended the deadline to 4 p.m. on Thursday (tomorrow) as "positively the final concession."

A firm of Chinese contractors is said to have tried to sabotage the strike by taking over a repair job on a vessel left unfinished by the Kowloon Dock. As soon as the men found this out they left their job.

MacArthur To Retire

Canberra, Aug. 19.  
It was confirmed on the highest authority here today that General MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, will relinquish his post and return to the United States on the conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty.

His main task of the demilitarisation of Japan is practically complete now.

When the peace treaty is signed (which Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, is confident will take place early next year), there would be a different form of Allied control in Japan, almost certainly of a civil character, it was suggested.

General MacArthur has told Dr. Evatt that he plans to visit Australia on his way back to the United States and arrangements are already being made to welcome him. Rumours that he was considering retirement were recently denied. At the age of 68, he still enjoys robust health.—Reuter.

Washington, Aug. 19.  
The Australian Minister of Immigration, Arthur A. Calwell, expressed his belief on Monday that Britain can only "sustain a future population of from 30,000,000 to 35,000,000."—Associated Press.

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ROBERT STEEN SMITH, Secretary.



## U.S. Marine Kills Two Soldiers

Nanking, Aug. 19. In the early hours of this morning, a U.S. Marine sentry, guarding Marine property, shot and killed two Nationalist Army soldiers who he detected in the act of stealing supplies from a dump.

According to an official U.S. Marine announcement, the sentry fired when the intruders failed to heed his order.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that the thieves penetrated the wall surrounding the Marine supplies and succeeded in removing a few articles, placing them alongside the road outside the compound wall.

They were engaged in stealing more material when discovered by the sentry.—Reuter.

## BANDITS ATTACK NAVAL BASE

Manila, Aug. 19. The day after Guilan (Samar) naval base was turned over to the Philippines, it was attacked by a band of bandits estimated at between 300 and 400, who were repulsed by military police and civilian guards.

At the time the base was turned over, there were rumors that a large bandit band in the hills, reportedly led by three Americans, was planning to raid the base.—United Press.

While walking along Wing On Street at 11 p.m. on Monday, Paul Samp, 26 Gage Street (second floor), was held up by two men armed with a revolver and relieved of \$150 cash and personal property to the total value of \$270.

# Judgment Reserved In Lamb Suit

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, in the case in which Robert Sandeman Lamb is claiming damages for false imprisonment against A. D. Monkhouse, Immigration Officer.

Concluding his closing address, Mr. Bernacchi stressed the fact that a false imprisonment had always been regarded as a very serious matter and that the Courts had, in nearly all cases, awarded substantial damages.

Lamb was represented by Mr. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. H. Loschby.

Mr. A. "Lonsdale," assisted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, appeared for Monkhouse.

Lamb claimed that he was brought to Hong Kong from Shanghai under arrest on board H.M.A.S. "Warramunga" and that he was taken into Police custody.

Lamb further claimed that the defendant, without lawful authority, caused him to be imprisoned in Stanley Prison from Feb. 21, 1947, till Mar. 10, 1947, upon the charge of disembarking without a document of travel as required by Section 9 of the Immigration Control Ordinance.

Continuing his closing address yesterday, Mr. Bernacchi touched upon the activities of Lamb in Shanghai in 1942 and reiterated that these activities should have little or no influence on the question of damages.

He referred to a suggestion in the earlier pleadings that Lamb had been brought ashore in the reasonable belief that he would later be sent to England for trial.

There was nothing, said Mr. Bernacchi, on this point in the present pleadings, which merely stated that Lamb was imprisoned for landing without a proper travel document. The activities of Lamb in 1942 were not pleaded in mitigation.

**Possession**

Mr. Bernacchi next dealt with the question of possession. It had not been denied that Lamb did not pack his own baggage in Shanghai.

Lamb did not see this baggage until his disembarkation at Hong Kong, when he was asked if the baggage was his property.

Thereafter, both during his confinement in the Police Station and at Stanley, he had access to this baggage.

Mr. Bernacchi said that either Lamb had possession of the baggage, which included everything in it, or possession of it was in the hands of the Government and Lamb merely had access to it.

Could it be argued, asked Mr. Bernacchi, that if possession was in the hands of Government, that the defendant should have had reason to know that there was this travel document?

Dealing generally with the question of damages, Mr. Bernacchi said that the Crown had been at some lengths to draw out from Lamb grounds of special damage where, in fact, no special damages were claimed. Only general damages were claimed and any information which the Crown Counsel might have obtained as to special damages was more against himself than for him.

**19 Days**

Coming to the false imprisonment, Mr. Bernacchi submitted that the false imprisonment for 19 days had been admitted in the pleadings.

"A false imprisonment has always been recognized as a very serious matter and the longer the imprisonment, the more serious it becomes," said Mr. Bernacchi, who added that in nearly all cases, the Courts had awarded substantial damages, even in cases where only mere technicalities were concerned.

Mr. Bernacchi said that here he was going beyond mere technicalities. The order under the Ordinance was bad in itself, quite apart from other matters surrounding it and that was an aggravation.

On the defence as it stood, with a clear admission of liability for 19 days' detention, Lamb was entitled to reasonable damages.

Mr. Bernacchi further contended that the use of the Ordinance in the circumstances of the present case, where the man was landed for 24 hours before the Immigration Officer even considered the order, was ultra vires.

In conclusion, Mr. Bernacchi said that this was a case where he was entitled to say that there was an aggravation and not, as suggested by the Crown, an imprisonment on a technicality, and the plaintiff was entitled to his damages.

## LIFE BANISHEE RETURNS

Lam Hop, a life banishee, was found guilty by a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday of breach of the Deportation Ordinance by returning to the Colony in July.

Accused, who had several previous convictions and who is serving a two year term of imprisonment for store-breaking, was sentenced to a further three years by Mr. Justice Williams.

## WAR MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Subscriptions received on 16th August, 1947.

China Motor Bus Co., Ltd. \$1,000. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groves \$500. Asia Agencies \$100. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roza-Perella \$20. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Browne \$20. Total \$1,640.

Hong Kong Government Contribution \$1,040. Received to 16th August, 1947 \$2,703,135.00. Grand Total \$4,343,135.00.

J. Phillips and B. Harris, members of A/S "Treva" went on shore early yesterday and had not returned up to a late hour last night. They were, reported at 4 p.m., according to a report made by Captain Wilkins, Master of the ship, to the police.

## "Over To You"

Another popular revue is starting next Monday at the China Fleet Club Theatre, called "Over To You."

Dances with original themes, amusing sketches, lots of laughter and music and all the trimmings that go with a good revue, are part of the programme.

Stars of "Over To You" are Nan Kennedy and Barri Chant, both of whom can boast of long, successful stage careers.

On the outbreak of war, Barri Chant queued up at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in order to join E.N.S.A. with whom he stayed for six years, producing and appearing in many big productions.

His first C.S.E. production was the musical revue "London By Night" which he presented at the Star Theatre in February this year. Barri has designed many amusing numbers for his forthcoming revue "Over To You" commencing at the C.F.C. Theatre on August 26th.

Nan Kennedy also started her stage career at a very tender age and played for Julian Wylie for five years at the London Hippodrome, Palace Manchester, Empire Liverpool and many others.

"Over To You" has a grand supporting cast, starring: HEINZ "TIT" ALEXANDER—The celebrated Pianist, who plays everything from Bach to Boogie Woogie.

THE VERNON SISTERS—The talented Tap Dancers.

FRANK GLOVER—The Jazz Singer.

KEN MASON—The Comedian.

HARRY STEWARD—With his magic Guitar.

All C.S.E. shows at the China Fleet Club Theatre are open to civilians as well as Services and their families.

## New War Crimes Case

Today, No. 7 Military Court will assemble to try Sgt. Kuwano Nobuyuki.

The accused is charged with committing two War Crimes, that while in Hong Kong in or about the month of September 1943, he was allegedly concerned in the ill-treatment of Li Chu Kwan, a civilian resident of Hong Kong. He is charged in the second case with being allegedly concerned in the ill-treatment of Chan Chor Bun and Wong Chor Key, residents of Hong Kong, between the 24th May, 1945 and 1st June, 1945 at Kowloon.

The court will be under the presidency of Lt. Col. N.G. Wall, with Major A. Clwydworth and Captain R. B. Gorey as members. Major Cross will act as Prosecutor and a Japanese Lawyer detailed and advised by 2/Lt. Falkoff will defend the accused.

## DUTY-FREE TOBACCO

Charged with possession of dutiable tobacco, Lo Yau, 27, unemployed, was fined \$15 or two days and an order issued for confiscation, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

R.O. Redman of the Import & Export Department, prosecuting, told the court that defendant was found with four and a half pounds of dutiable tobacco on which the duty would be \$13.50.

## RASC DRIVER FOUND GUILTY

A traffic accident on the Tai Po Road on Aug. 8, in which a military lorry and the District Officer's car were involved, was mentioned at Kowloon yesterday when Angus McEachran, driver, 983 Coy. RASC, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr with driving without due care and attention.

Returning a verdict of guilty, the Magistrate remarked that it appeared to him that both drivers were guilty of a "silly sort of an accident."

Defendant was fined \$30.

Mr. John Barrow, District Officer for the New Territories, stated that at about 8.40 a.m. he was being driven into Kowloon from Tai Po by his driver, Ho Chak-sun, when, near the Reservoir, a military lorry came round a corner completely on his wrong side of the road.

The driver, having received previous instructions, was driving very carefully, and had changed down before starting to round the bend, said witness.

## Personalia

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, paid a visit to the Supreme Court yesterday morning and was conducted on a tour of the different departments by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, the Attorney General and the Registrar of the Court.

Dr. Sun Fo, Vice-President of the Republic of China, is leaving for Macao by the s.s. Kwongai this afternoon, accompanied by the Hong Kong Portuguese Consul. During his stay in Macao, Dr. Sun Fo will be the guest of honour of the Governor of Macao.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Summers, Mrs. C. E. Temlett, and Mr. S. E. Facey are now staying at the Peninsula Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomson and Mr. L. F. Stokes have left the hotel.

The following passengers who left on C.P.A. aircraft for Manila yesterday: Mr. Gummerson, Mr. C. R. Thies, and Mrs. Lau Mul.

## Money Market

Gold was firmer yesterday. After opening at \$361 a tael it went up to \$367.50, closing one point lower.

Plastres, after opening at \$14.55 a 100, made a non-stop climb to \$15.40 as operators rushed to buy. At the close they were easier at \$15.00.

Chinese National Currency was nominal at 13.7 cents for futures and 14.3 cents for spot (for C.N.S. 1000).

U.S. dollars were unchanged at \$3.10, and no were Sterling at \$13.50, and Australian Pounds at \$12.55.

## Rotary

The talk at yesterday's weekly Rotary lunch was on Bolivia, given by Prof. Ollifas of the Hong Kong University.

The speaker, who was born in Bolivia, gave a description of the historical and geographical background of the country, its people, and its position in the present-day world.

The District Governor, Dr. Li Shu-lin, reminded members that the District Assembly would be held at his house on August 24.

He outlined arrangements for reception and entertainment of delegates.

A welcome was extended to Rotarian T.E. Jackson, the Club's first post war secretary, on his return from leave.

Visiting Rotarian H.S. Chuck Secretary of the Canton Club, was also welcomed, as were the guests Messrs. Hsiao-wei Lo, A.C. Ford H.J. Gosby and P.C. de Graaff.

## FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The Labour Officer's figures of Food & Fuel Costs for the week ended August 16 are as follows:—

Rice & Flour	7.2 cattles	\$5.0800
Vegetables	1.0 "	1.3870
Sale Cabbage	2 "	2.3880
Oil	7 "	1.7090
Tea	4 "	.0000
Salt Fish	3 "	.0250
Fish	4 "	1.0360
Pork	3 "	1.1040
Firewood	10.0 "	1.2000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		.7000
Total		\$14.4400

Miss Townsend, Queen Mary Hospital, had her plastic handbag stolen from her car (7186) while crossing from Kowloon to Hong Kong by the vehicular ferry at 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

The bag contained \$153 in cash, two wrist-watches and other personal property.

# COURT ISSUES A "GENERAL WARNING"

Leung Fung-yuen told Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday that she had been warned "by some persons" that if she gave evidence against defendant, she and her family would be dealt with by accused's friends.

The woman was giving evidence in a case in which Ko Chin-hon, 24, is charged with demanding with menaces \$100 from Fung Sau-chan, waitress, at 64A Canton Road on June 3, and with assaulting her on July 11.

On conviction, accused was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour on the first count and three months on the second.

On July 21, said Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope, Fan Ching-hon, 21-year-old owner of the Yick Fung Bicycle Shop, Canton Road, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for aiding and abetting "an unknown Chinese" to demand \$100 from complainant and with assaulting her.

Defendant, declared DSI Pope, was the "unknown Chinese" in that case and was arrested at Temple Street on Aug. 24 by PC Chung Yau-cheung.

Accused was having a joy ride on a bicycle when he was recognised by Fung, who caught hold of the handle-bars, and called on the constable to arrest him.

The facts, said DSI Pope, were that accused went with Fan Ching-hon to the Li Lung Teahouse, Canton Road, where complainant was employed as a waitress, and asked her whether she was a member of any triad society.

She replied in the negative, and Ko "advised" her to join the San Yee On Triad Society if she wished to retain her job or work in the Tsim Sha Tsui district.

Complainant refused, stating that she had no money and could not afford the \$100 membership fee. Accused warned her to "look out."

On July 11, Fung was talking with Leung Fung-yuen, outside the Chan Heung Teahouse, Canton Road, when defendant went up to them. He asked Leung whether Fung owed her money and, if she did, to strike her.

**Save "Life"**

When Leung told him to mind his own business, said DSI Pope, defendant rolled up his sleeves and struck Fung twice. She cried out "Save life" and he ran away.

After corroborative evidence by Fung Sau-chan, Leung Fung-yuen was called.

In her examination-in-chief, she was so obviously giving evasive replies that the Magistrate asked DSI Pope whether he would like to treat her as a hostile witness.

Witness finally admitted that she had been told by friends of accused that if she gave evidence against him, or even identified him, she and her family would be assaulted.

She failed to attend Court earlier in the morning and had to be sent for by the Police. This, she said, was due to her fears of reprisal.

Witness added that, after she had given evidence in the previous case against Fan Ching-hon, Fan's wife threatened to beat her up.

At the request of DSI Pope, His Worship issued a general warning "to interested persons in Court."

## Knocked Down, Dies

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by Coroner W.A. Blair-Kerr at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of Wong Wai-fong, 73-year-old Chinese, who died as the result of a traffic accident at 3.10 p.m. on July 5.

According to Mr. J. Scrim (Kowloon Traffic Office), Revenue Officer F.G. Carroll was driving motorcycle 762 along Nathan Road towards Mong-kok when he knocked down the deceased near Pak Hoi Street.

The driver was behind a lorry and had overtaken it, after it had made a square turn to the left. Deceased ran right in front of the motorcycle.

Wong was removed to Yau-mat Police Station and then to Kowloon Hospital by Mr. F.G. Cleish who was passing in his car at the time. He died at 7.05 p.m. the same day as the result of a fractured skull, according to Dr. George Young of the Kowloon Hospital.

Chung Yau-kwai, 17, student, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday suffering from a fractured hip sustained when he accidentally fell from the second floor of 67 G Cliff Road while effecting repairs to the drainage pipes.

## Urban Council Rejects Applications

One application for an Eating House Licence, two for Food Shop Licences and two for Offensive Trade Licences were rejected by the Urban Council yesterday.

The premises of the first three applicants were found to be unsuitable while the premises of the latter two were not within areas specially confined to offensive trades.

The July report, tabled at yesterday's Council meeting, showed that of 52 applications for different licences received, 30 were granted, while 58 hawkers licences were renewed or issued in Hong Kong and 17 in Kowloon.

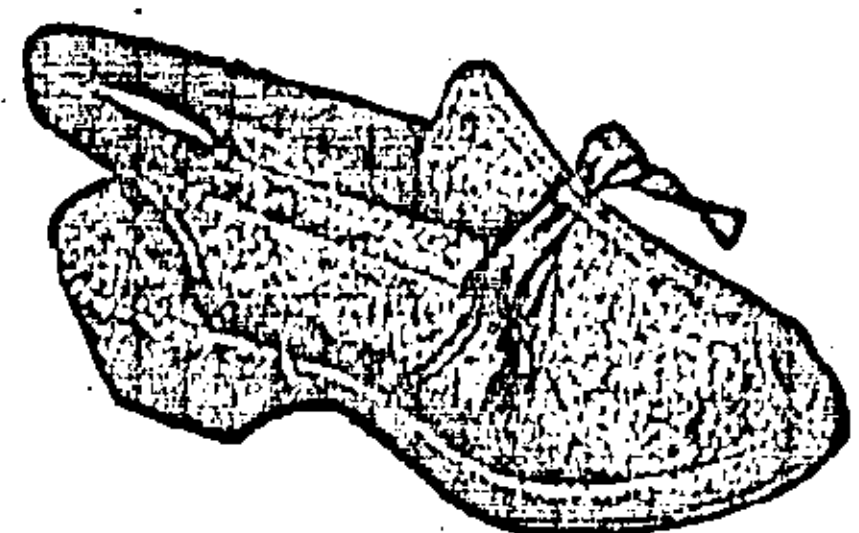
During the same period, 4,813 cattle, 32,854 swine and 239 sheep and goats were slaughtered, and 32 dogs sent by the Police to Kennedy Town Slaughter House for observation and 40 to Mataukok.

In the same month, 35 lorries were employed to remove 14,836 tons of refuse, and 28 lorries and two launches on refuse disposal. Seventeen junk, one lighter and one launch were employed on the removal of 4,192 tons of nightsoil.

Thirty-five market stalls were let in July and eight leases on stalls were cancelled.

The majority of nuisances dealt with during July were defective waste water pipes, defective water closet, defective hoods to stoves and removal of building debris, the total number of which was 1,097.

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## British Officers Confess In Trieste Corruption Case

Trieste, Aug. 18. Major John Roderick Squire and Captain Douglas Arthur Wilde pleaded guilty today before a British Army general field court martial to accepting bribes of between seven and ten million lire while administering the Venezia Giulia Military Government Public Work. Squire pleaded guilty to ten charges and Wilde to four. Sentences will be announced after they have been confirmed.

Both British officers involved in the AMG Public Works Division graft and bribe scandal which culminated in the arrest of two American officers and 31 civilian employees—were tried separately by the same court martial.

The trials of Major E. H. Richardson, former head of the Division, and of Thomas Cockburn, American officers arrested in the case, will be held later before United States courts martial.

The prosecution read Squire's voluntary statement, in which he maintained that corruption was "rampant" in the civilian staff brought by AMG officers from Italy and that it "later increased with the arrival of Major E. H. Richardson."

According to the statement, when Squire reported (to Richardson) cases of civilian staff accepting presents from contractors, Richardson allegedly replied: "This is customary in Italy."

The defence, however, did not call Richardson a witness. Squire admitted he accepted gifts of wine and small presents from contractors and, "following Richardson's example," accepted an apartment from a contractor.

### Beautiful Secretary

Squire's beautiful Austrian Secretary, 24-year-old Anita Ruebner, said in a statement read in court that she had an agreement with Squire that all proceeds collected by her or Squire would be equally divided. She said she deposited 7,000,000 lire (approximately US\$1,200 at the legal rate of exchange then) in her bank account and spent 1,500,000 lire.

She is the daughter of a wealthy Austrian who owns several hotels in Yugoslavia and Italy. She is now under arrest, awaiting trial. Squire's statement described visits by Mr. Griffiths, identified as the President of an American engineering company, who was introduced by Richardson and allegedly offered to open an account for Squire in Knoxville, Iowa.

### Dartford Mystery

Dartford, Kent, Aug. 18. The police are enquiring today into the murder of Mrs. Ellen Cotter, a 55-year-old widow, whose body had been bundled into the bedroom cupboard at her home in Dartford Road. She apparently had been strangled. The discovery was made by the police who were called from a street accident less than 100 yards away when Mrs. Cotter's lodgers were surprised at not finding her about the house and asked the police to look for her.—Reuter.

### "CONFESSION"

Warsaw, Aug. 19. Eugeniusz Ralski, of 17 defendants charged with espionage, told the military court of Cracow today that he had given "secret information" to the former American Ambassador to Poland, Arthur Bliss Lane. He said he acted on the instructions of Zymek Bel-Strazowski, underground intelligence chief, who is also on trial.—United Press.

### Hamburg, Aug. 18.

Herr Heinrich Kopf, Prussian Minister of Lower Saxony, said today that Europe had become too poor to "indulge in the luxury of excluding from work an industrious people like the Germans" when he addressed the opening of Hanover's trade fair of German industrial export production display to world businessmen.—Reuter.

### "JANE"

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"SHACK!"

### LABOUR M.P.s INTERVIEW

London, Aug. 18. Eighty-six Labour Members of Parliament have appeared to King Paul of Greece to save the lives of political prisoners in his country. It was announced in London today. The appeal said: "We Labour Members of the British House of Commons beg you to believe that a profound sense of horror is spreading through the British people at what is happening in Greece today."—Reuter.

## U.S. Bomb Threat Alarm

Vienna, Aug. 19. The American Security Corps was called out on Monday night after a telephoned message that Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organisation, planned to blow up the United States legation and two power stations in the American zone of Austria in five minutes after midnight.

Armed troops immediately took up stations at the threatened points and at the home of the United States Minister to Austria, John G. Erhardt.—Associated Press.

## Prince Ferdinand Remanded

Berlin, Aug. 18. Prince Ferdinand of Schomburgk—son of the ex-Kaiser's widow, Princess Helene, whose funeral took place last week, and one of the leading figures in the recent disappearance of the \$500,000 Hohenzollern gems—was remanded in custody for his "personal security" when he appeared before a British military court here today, charged with making false statements to the Allies.

The prince was alleged to have "forgotten" to disclose Nazi Party membership dating from 1932 and membership of the S.S. The hearing will be resumed on August 26.—Reuter.

## China's War Accounts

Washington, Aug. 19. Dr. Wellington Koo said today that negotiations for settling China's war accounts with the United States, including an estimated US\$1,500,000,000 lend-lease, were making progress. Koo conferred with acting Secretary of State Lovett and afterwards told newsmen that China is much interested in Soviet-American efforts to agree on Korea's future government and would like to see the negotiations speeded.

He also said he discussed with Lovett preparations for the Japanese peace conference; the statement in delegates of UNRRA supplies to North China and the Indonesia situation.—Associated Press.

### FALSE ALARM?

Rome, Aug. 18. The Italian police announced today that a hand grenade was found this morning against the wall of the United States Embassy garden in the centre of Rome.

The police said that after thorough examination it was believed the grenade, a World War I model, had been carelessly thrown away and its position had no significance.—United Press.

### SHANGHAI MONEY RATE

Shanghai, Aug. 19. The open market rate for foreign exchange was fixed today at the same figures which were set yesterday—CN\$39,500 selling and CN\$38,500 buying for one United States dollar.—Associated Press.

## PIROW ON INCITEMENT CHARGE

Pretoria, Aug. 18. Mr. Oswald Pirow, 56-year-old former South African Minister of Justice, was charged here today with contravening the Riotous Assembly Act.

The case was adjourned until September 5. It was alleged that on May 9, in an article entitled "Take the law into your own hands", in the publication "Die Nuwe Orde", ("The New Order"), he incited others to commit an offence. The public prosecutor referred to an alleged contravention of a section of the Native Administration Act which deals with acts promoting "ill-feeling or hostility between natives and Europeans".

This section reads: "Any person who utters any word or does any other act or thing whatever with intention to promote ill-feeling or hostility between natives and Europeans shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to a fine of £100, or both."—Reuter.

## Whitehaven Pit Disaster Inquest

Whitehaven, Aug. 18. An inquest was formally opened here this afternoon on the 66 of 104 victims of the William coal pit disaster. It was adjourned three weeks.

A sum of £247 19s. 2d. has already been contributed to the National Appeal Fund launched on behalf of relatives of the dead men.

More than 1,000 wreaths have been ordered for the funerals beginning tomorrow or Wednesday. The local florists may have to work night and day on the orders, but they say there may not be enough flowers and orders may be sent to Liverpool for further supplies.

The three men who escaped from the pit—John Birkett, Daniel Hinde and James Weightman, left hospital today. Birkett realised the need for moving and doing as little as possible to conserve the small quantity of oxygen not penetrated by deadly gas, and Hinde and Weightman trusted in his experience and guidance. He set out guided by a little illumination from a Davy lamp.

The lamp several times showed a warning blue colour indicating the presence of gas. Birkett then retraced his steps to try and find another avenue of escape. Finally his mind was made up. There was a chance and he decided to risk it. The three men, still guided by Birkett, covered their faces with handkerchiefs damped with water from their water bottles and charged through the gas to the main haulage road to safety.—Reuter.

### CNAC BLAZING NEW TRAIL

Shanghai, Aug. 19. A China National Aviation Corporation Skymaster is scheduled to leave Shanghai on August 21 on a survey flight to Singapore. The plane will make stops at Hong Kong, Saigon and Bangkok. Facilities at these stops will be inspected by CNAC technicians. Regular flights between Shanghai and Singapore are expected to be inaugurated within a few weeks of the survey trip.—Associated Press.

## Wedding Present For Princess

Shanghai, Aug. 19. A fund opened here on Monday by prominent Britons, to buy a wedding present for Princess Elizabeth, got off to a good start with contributions pouring in, not only from British nationals, but from people of several other nationalities. The committee in charge which includes the British Consul-General, A. G. Ogden, limits individual contributions to CN\$100,000 and sets minimum individual donations at CN\$10,000 (the current black market rate is roughly CN\$40,000 to one American dollar).—Associated Press.

## Russia Urged To Intervene

Washington, Aug. 19. The United States and Britain have urged Russia to instruct the Bulgarian government to suspend the death sentence imposed on Nikola Petkov, opposition leader.

Petkov was sentenced on Saturday at Sofia. The appeals were delivered to Lt. Gen. Alexander Cherepanov, Soviet acting deputy chairman of the Allied Control Commission for Bulgaria, and urged him to "instruct the Bulgarian government" to suspend sentence until the Commission has full opportunity to review the case.—Associated Press.

Tehran, Aug. 18. Princess Ashraf Reza Pahlavi, the 28-year-old twin sister of the Shah of Persia, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, today left Tehran in a Swedish Airlines plane for Stockholm. She is on her way to the United States on the invitation of the United States Red Cross.—Reuter.

## Indonesia: Dutch Adamant

Washington, Aug. 18. The Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. Eelco van Kleffens, tonight strongly reiterated his government's contention that that United Nations Security Council had no jurisdiction in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

After an extraordinary 45-minute conference with the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, however, Mr. van Kleffens indicated that the Dutch were still willing to accept the United States offer of its "good offices" to mediate in the dispute.

The Indonesian government also accepted the United States offer, but with reservations. There were indications that the offer might be withdrawn unless these reservations were removed. Mr. van Kleffens told the press the Dutch government wanted to go ahead with its suggestion that foreign consuls in embattled Indonesia conduct an investigation of the dispute. But he said the invitation would be cancelled if the matter went before the United Nations.

Mr. van Kleffens said he was returning to New York by plane tonight to be present to the Council's discussion. He said his government would oppose any proposal which would indicate that the United Nations had any jurisdiction whatever. He said this included any suggestion that the Council dispatch a United Nations peace committee to Indonesia.—Reuter.

### Soviet Pressure

London, Aug. 18. The Soviet Union today urged the United Nations Security Council to take up the Indonesian case as quickly as possible because the "cease fire" is being violated and pressure is being brought on the Indonesians to accept mediation.

When the debate started, M. Andrei Gromyko supported the Australian plea for a quick discussion on Indonesia, preferably tonight or tomorrow morning. He said: "We consider it extremely important to continue the discussion of the Indonesian case, especially as it is reported that the cease fire order is being violated. It is also known that diplomatic pressure is being brought on Indonesia to force her to accept mediation in the dispute."

The Security Council decided to consider the Indonesian case tomorrow.—Reuter.

## Germans Must Go Or Else...

Shanghai, Aug. 19. The Chinese authorities issued a notification today threatening punishment for any Germans listed for repatriation to their homeland, who fail to register at the headquarters of the Shanghai-Woosung garrison on or before August 23.

It said that such failure would entail the forfeiture of all their personal luggage and retention of their guarantors or punishment.

In addition, the missing persons when apprehended would also be punished.—Associated Press.

### UNECAFE TALKS

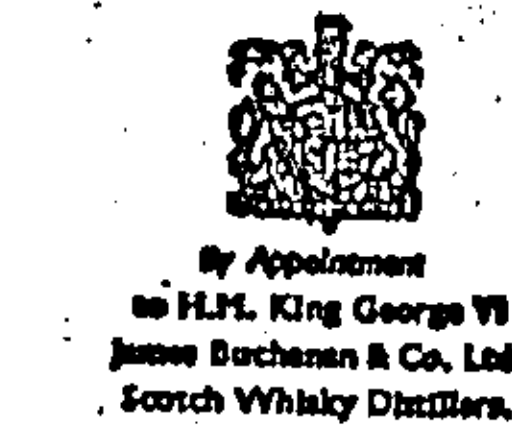
Manila, Aug. 18. Plans are almost complete for the United States Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (UNECAFE) meeting which is scheduled to be held at Baguio next November.

It is believed that 120 delegates will attend, representing 15 Oriental nations. The delegates will be housed in Government cottages.

The conference is scheduled to open on November 15.—United Press.

### POLISH APPEAL

London, Aug. 18. An urgent appeal for streptomycin has been sent to England from Poland where it is needed for a child lying ill with tubercular meningitis in the Poznan University clinic for sick children. This is the first of such appeals to this country from Poland, but as a member of the Polish Consulate said today: "Poland thinks England has everything."—Reuter.



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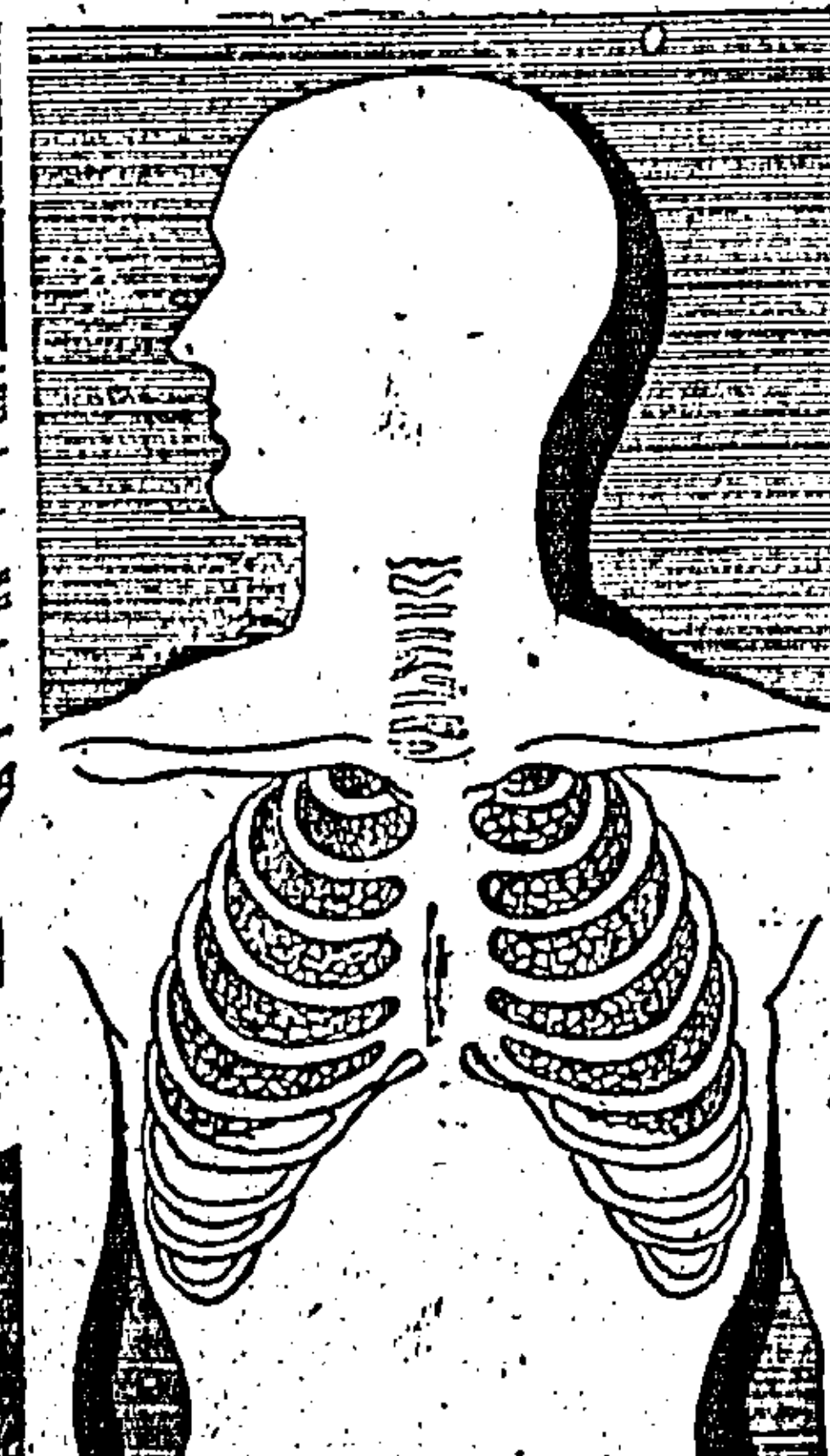
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## Attack On Monopoly Prices

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The government in a drive  
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Monday at all price-fixing by  
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and steel companies.

The Justice Department an-  
nounced criminal information  
under the anti-trust laws  
against eight manufacturers of  
automobile tyres, a Tyre Manu-  
facturers Trade Association  
and 10 individuals, accusing  
them of agreeing to fix the  
prices of tyres.

The Federal Trade Commis-  
sion meanwhile issued an order  
accusing steel makers of con-  
spiracy to fix prices and stif-  
le competition. It ordered them  
to "cease and desist." In a  
third action the Justice Depart-  
ment filed an Anti-trust suit  
to break up what it called  
"illegal arrangements" tending  
to a monopoly in production of  
colour motion pictures. This  
case is directed against techni-  
cal and Eastman Kodak.—  
Associated Press.

## China's Claim To Ryukyus

Shanghai, Aug. 19.  
The influential Chinese morn-  
ing paper, "Sin Wan Pao," in an  
editorial today, demanded that  
the government formally submit  
a Chinese demand for the "re-  
turn" of the Ryukyu Islands—  
of which Okinawa is the prin-  
cipal island—to China.

The paper claimed that cul-  
turally, historically and anthro-  
pologically the Ryukyus belong  
to China but were "nipped off"  
from China by the Japanese.  
It said that unless the Chinese  
regain possession of these  
islands, the Japanese will use  
these islands as a springboard  
for designs on Taiwan.—United  
Press.

## Pan-American Treaty Snag

Petropolis, Brazil, Aug. 18.  
The Inter-American Defence  
Conference struck its first snag  
today when its committee on  
"action in the case of threats  
or aggression," one of three  
committees appointed earlier to  
draft sections of an inter-  
American mutual defence  
treaty, failed to agree on a  
basis for approaching the prob-  
lem.

A motion to consider one of  
the eight proposed treaty drafts  
submitted to the Pan-American  
Union as a basis for the com-  
mittee's work was defeated un-  
animously.

The committee will resume its  
deliberations tomorrow.—Reuter.

## BOY SCOUTS IN ACCIDENT

Molsson, Aug. 18.  
Nine Belgian Boy Scouts  
were injured today, some seri-  
ously, when two narrow gauge  
trains operating around the  
World Jamboree camp site  
crashed.

The Scouts were rushed to  
the camp hospital where the  
doctors said "some are serious-  
ly injured" but declined to dis-  
close their names or numbers.—  
United Press.

## TUNNELS CONSTRUCTED BY THE JAPANESE

Owners of property under  
which, or adjacent to which  
there are tunnels, constructed  
by the Japanese during the  
occupation of Hong Kong, are  
hereby notified that the presence  
of such tunnels should be re-  
ported in writing to the Execu-  
tive Engineer 1/c Roads and  
Tunnels, Public Works Depart-  
ment, Lower Albert Road, im-  
mediately.

The Public Works Department  
will not undertake liability for  
any such tunnels unless they  
are reported before 1st Septem-  
ber, 1947, and liability for any  
damage due to such tunnels  
which have not been reported by  
that date will be the respon-  
sibility of the owners of the prop-  
erty concerned.

V. KENNIF,  
Director of Public Works,  
Hongkong, 30th July, 1947.

Prospects of an European customs union and the  
possibility of the United Kingdom's participa-  
tion were discussed by Mr. William L. Clay-  
ton, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for econo-  
mic affairs, and Britain's Secretary for Over-  
seas Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, during a  
lengthy meeting last night, it was learned  
from reliable quarters today.

The United Kingdom was said  
to have stressed the great dif-  
ficulties about joining an "Euro-  
pean customs union but indicat-  
ed the possibility, in principle,  
of participation.

Mr. Clayton is scheduled to pro-  
ceed from Paris to London to  
meet Sir Stafford Cripps.

Mr. Wilson left Geneva this  
morning for consultations in Lon-  
don.

Meanwhile, reliable well-in-  
formed sources indicated that  
nothing short of a scheme en-  
visaging the eventual welding to-  
gether of European economies  
would be acceptable as a basis for  
implementation of the Marshall  
plan.

Customs union is the ultimate  
goal but until its realization is  
more definitive, an immediate un-  
dertaking by European countries  
for a move in that direction is ex-  
pected, the sources added.

It is envisaged that trade and  
tariff barriers between European  
countries will be reduced as far as  
possible, though in stages, to en-  
able the development of a basis  
for sound competitive economies,  
with steadily increasing produc-  
tion and absorptive capacity.

It is understood that partici-  
pation of the United Kingdom in a  
customs union is not expected by  
the United States as a "condition  
sine qua non" in respect of the  
Marshall plan implementation,  
though it is considered desirable.

The United States appreciates  
the technical difficulties of such a  
move for the United Kingdom,  
due to its Commonwealth struc-  
ture, but eventual access would  
be helpful from the viewpoint of  
freedom and expanding world  
trade.

British sources emphasise the  
United Kingdom's twin position  
as an intra-European and extra-  
European power which would  
necessitate mutually the whole  
Commonwealth to enter the union.  
—United Press.

## Heated Vienna Scene

Vienna, Aug. 18.

A heated scene occurred at  
today's meeting of the Four-  
Power Allied Commission on  
the Austrian treaty when Mr.  
John Dodge, the United States  
delegate, expressing dissatis-  
faction with the delay in the  
work of the Commission, said  
that the Russians had hindered  
everything the Commission had  
tried to do, according to a  
usually well-informed source  
here.

M. Kyril Novikov, the Soviet  
delegate, made an equally heat-  
ed reply.

Mr. Dodge then announced  
that he had been requested by  
the United States Government  
to return to Washington for con-  
sultation on the future work of  
the Commission. His place on  
the Council will be taken during  
his absence by his deputy, Mr.  
David Ginsburg.—Reuter.

## ENGINEERING BOOM PREDICTED

London, Aug. 19.  
British Government sources said  
a boom in the engineering indus-  
tries, especially in heavy machin-  
ery, railroad cars and agricultural  
equipment, is "extremely likely"  
in the autumn as a result of  
Britain's economic crisis produc-  
tion programme.

Business lenders agreed with the  
forecast, but with the provision  
that the government's programme  
actually succeeds in boosting steel  
production as planned.—Associat-  
ed Press.

## UNRRA PROTEST

Shanghai, Aug. 18.  
A majority of UNRRA per-  
sonnel in China has requested  
the Central Committee in  
Washington to resume relief  
deliveries to North China im-  
mediately and to remove  
UNRRA employees from an  
"intolerable position of sup-  
porting one side in the civil  
war."

An informant told United  
Press that members signing the  
petition included nearly all the  
Australians and Canadians,  
about half of the American em-  
ployees and others.

The greatest complaint is  
that UNRRA relief is going  
only to Nationalist China.—  
United Press.

## RUHR DECISIONS

Washington, Aug. 18.  
British officials forecast to-  
day that the week-end Anglo-  
American Conference on Ruhr  
coal production might finish its  
work and deliver definite recom-  
mendations for the stepping up  
of the output of the German  
mines by next weekend.—Reu-  
ter.

# Hungarian Secret Fund Allegation

Budapest, Aug. 18.  
Government officials said today that an investiga-  
tion has been ordered of charges against the  
opposition leader, Father Stephan Balogh,  
that he misappropriated 200,000 forints  
(\$22,000) while Under-Secretary of State.

Balogh, who resigned last May, said that Balogh would not be  
arrested, and recently emerged from re-  
tirement to organize the indepen-  
dent Hungarian Democratic  
Party, allegedly misused the  
Prime Minister's "minority fund."

"I am not worried, I have not  
reduced an ounce because my  
conscience is clear" the 300-pound  
priest retorted when advised of  
the government's action.

"There won't be any investiga-  
tion. And I won't be arrested  
either," Balogh said.

The Minister of Justice, Istvan  
Ries, who is charged with the  
investigation, refused to com-  
ment.

"It is not our policy to discuss  
pending cases—especially on the  
telephone," Ries said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman

plained.

Balogh said: "The whole thing  
is a political manoeuvre. The  
fund was for any purpose I  
thought most helpful for the  
country. For example, if I  
wanted a foreign correspondent  
to write a favourable story about  
Hungary and we handed him  
1,000 forints, of course I didn't  
get a receipt. I spent 10 or 20  
times 200,000 forints during my  
two years as Under-Secretary. No  
body can ask me to give an ac-  
count of this. The reticent Premier  
usually destroys any trace of  
what he has used it for. The  
same thing is done in America  
only on a larger scale."—United  
Press.

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ed Press.

# CEYLON FLOOD DISASTERS

Colombo, Aug. 18.

Thousands of persons  
were homeless today and  
casualties were feared  
high as a result of the  
worst flood in Ceylon's  
history.

Planes were used to drop  
food to some in accessible dis-  
tricts. A landslide at Hutton  
was feared to have killed several  
persons, while more than 20  
persons were killed in another  
huge landslide at Kotm'e.  
There was a third landslide at  
Nuwara Ellua, where a factory  
on the estate was moved entire-  
ly and caused a number of  
casualties.

Floods were causing distress  
in North Colombo and more  
than a thousand men were  
working day and night in an  
effort to prevent the Kelani  
river from flooding the south  
part of the city.

It is believed the general elec-  
tions, scheduled to begin on  
August 23, may be postponed  
because of the disorganization  
caused by the floods.—United  
Press.

## ARAB-JEWISH COLLISION FEARED

Jerusalem, Aug. 18.

Palestine's 650,000 Jews were  
warned tonight to be prepared  
for a "resurgence of Arab  
violence" in the "critical days  
ahead" as inter-racial clashes  
continue into their third week.

Mr. David Remez, Chairman  
of the Jewish National Council,  
in a statement to the Hebrew  
press, said that the danger  
would arise if the United Na-  
tions reached a solution of the  
Palestine problem adverse to  
Arab political aspirations.  
He appealed to the "dis-  
sident" elements to cease their  
political activity.—Reuter.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN PROTEST

Budapest, Aug. 18.

Officials of the United States  
Legation reported today that  
the British and American diplo-  
mats will call on the Hungarian  
Premier this afternoon to present  
complaints on the exclusion of  
non-Communists from the August  
31 elections.

Premier Lajos Dinnyes will be  
asked to correct the alleged elec-  
tion abuses, in accordance with  
instructions from London and  
Washington.

It was announced that Dinnyes  
will assert that only 300,000 per-  
sons have been disenfranchised.—  
United Press.

## KRUPP TRIAL

Frankfurt, Aug. 18.

The trial of Alfred Krupp,  
the German arms king, and 11  
other Krupp directors is to be-  
gin early in October in Nurem-  
berg, the German news agency  
in the American Zone said to-  
day.—Reuter.

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## JUDGMENT IS RESERVED IN BENEDICT LEE APPEAL Contention That Accomplice's Evidence Was Wrongly Admitted By Magistrate Found Guilty Of Taking Bribe

Judgment was reserved yesterday by the Full Court of Appeal, comprising Sir Henry Blackall (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge), in an appeal brought by Sub-Inspector Benedict Lee Kin, against his conviction at the April Sessions.

The appeal was based on the following grounds:

(a) That the evidence of Leung Kai, an accomplice, had been wrongly admitted by the committing Magistrate and that therefore the indictment preferred, and consequently the trial, was a nullity.

(b) That the evidence of Leung Kai, an accomplice, had been wrongly admitted by the Trial Judge at the trial.

Mr. Marcus A. da Silva appeared for Lee on appeal.

The Crown was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford.

Lee was charged, at the April Sessions, with conspiracy, being an accessory before the fact to demanding money with menaces, procuring and obtaining a bribe by public servant, accepting a bribe by public servant, obtaining a bribe by public servant, demanding money with menaces and attempting to obtain a bribe by public servant.

He was found guilty on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th charges and sentenced by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge), before whom he was tried, to one year's imprisonment on the first charge, nine months on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively, and to nine months on each of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th charges, the sentences to run concurrently with the nine months on the second charge.

### Bribery Charge

In the course of his submissions, Mr. Silva said that in February, Leung Kai and appellant were charged together before the Kowloon Magistrate with bribery. The wording of the charge suggested they were accomplices.

On the first day of the committal proceedings, the charge against Leung Kai was withdrawn.

Subsequent to the committal of appellant, and about two weeks before his trial, Leung Kai was brought up on another charge, that of conspiracy with the appellant.

On the date of the appellant's trial, Leung Kai had pleaded guilty, but was awaiting sentence.

### Car Thief Who Dozed Nabbed

Pleading guilty to larceny and possession of implements fit for an unlawful purpose, Chan Wing, 26, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday.

D.S.I. Soutar said that at about 5.30 a.m. on August 15 defendant was found asleep in Statue Square. In his possession were found various tools for opening motor cars.

When questioned, he admitted having stolen various articles from cars and gave the police assistance in the recovering of some of the articles.

The police did not charge the owner of the marine store from whose shop the property was recovered as he was prepared to surrender all the articles claimed.

The magistrate warned him to be more careful from whom he made purchases in future.

The trial of appellant commenced on May 12, and on May 13, the defence was handed a conditional pardon in respect of Leung Kai, addressed to the First Magistrate, signed by the Attorney General and dated May 12.

Mr. Silva pointed out that the case pivoted on the evidence of the main witness for the prosecution, Leung Kai. He could analyse this evidence piece meal, but believed it would be sufficient for him to refer to Crown Counsel's address to the Court.

He pointed out that, in the Court below, before the committing Magistrate, he made a submission against the admission of Leung Kai's evidence, but it was nevertheless admitted.

Mr. Silva then quoted a number of legal authorities in support of his contentions and submitted that these authorities were still good law and should have been followed in this case.

### Word "Accused"

Mr. Silva said that the essence of the law, as set out in Roscoe, rested on the word "accused." Once an accomplice had been accused and had thereby been put in fear or in hope, the Court was most reluctant, save in exceptional cases, to admit him as a witness for the prosecution.

Mr. Silva submitted the law should have prevented the Magistrate from admitting the evidence of Leung Kai, and that if he had wrongly admitted that evidence, the committal was vitiated and therefore the indictment and the trial a nullity.

Mr. Silva then analysed the evidence of the prosecution. It was true, said Mr. Silva, that the evidence of Leung Kai made the Crown case stronger and better, but Leung Kai, with the sword of Damocles hanging over his own head, should not have been called upon to testify.

Mr. Silva said that in circumstances like those of the present

### False Information Charge Dismissed

Tam Chan, operator of a Central market stall, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with giving false information to the police, while Tam Cheung and Tam Kan were jointly charged with aiding and abetting. All were discharged for lack of evidence.

Mr. A. S. K. Lau, was for first defendant, while Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones represented the second and third defendants.

D.I. Fong Fu Cheung was for the prosecution.

D.I. Fong said that at about 6.30 p.m. on June 23, Tam Chan visited Central police station and reported that having placed a basket on the ground for a few moments, it had disappeared.

In the basket, he said, there were \$2,260 in Hong Kong currency and CN\$50,000.

After continued questioning, he finally broke down and admitted that the money was in On Lan Street and took the police to second and third defendants.

On the premises was found all the money, less \$200.

Detective G114 Tsui Kwok Hung said, in evidence, that he was detailed to investigate the case. He interrogated first defendant who eventually admitted that he had spent \$200 of the money.

### P.C. CHARGED

Further evidence was heard by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in the case in which Police Constable Cheong Kwong was charged on two counts of demanding with menaces \$120 from Wong Mei-lai, married woman, at 722 Nathan Road, second floor, on July 15.

After testimony of Miss Ng Wan-chuen, sister of Ng Man-sang, co-tenant of complainant, in support of the prosecution's case, hearing was adjourned until the afternoon of Aug. 21 when Mr. P. M. Lam will open the defence.

In the case, the man could have been dealt with, and should have been dealt with, before being called upon to give evidence. There was a danger of a man, in such circumstances, with a sentence hanging over him, giving evidence which was not true in order to secure a conviction and to save his own skin.

In conclusion, Mr. Silva dealt with the "no substantial miscarriage of justice" rule which, he believed, might be argued by Crown Counsel.

Replying, Mr. Clifford referred to the position in the Lower Court and that under modern rules of law, the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice might, after sufficient warning, be admitted.

### Common Practice

Mr. Clifford said that it was common practice to admit evidence in the Lower Court which was not used in the Higher Court.

The evidence of an accomplice was always treated with suspicion, as it was appreciated that he might wish to place the blame on another person. That was the reason why the Crown always looked for corroboration.

Mr. Clifford said that the evidence of Leung Kai was necessary because he was, in most cases, a link. Leung Kai's wife did not know the individual contents of the note books, nor was she present at payments, or discussions of the conspiracy forming the charges.

After Mr. Silva had replied briefly, the Court announced that it would reserve judgment.

### Raids On Opium Dens

In opium den raids conducted by the Police in Kowloon on Monday, under Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison and Sub-Inspector Andrews, 26 smokers were arrested and a quantity of pipes, lamps and opium, and \$40 in cash, were seized.

Nineteen smokers were fined \$15 each, two \$10 each, and four had their bail of \$25 estreated.

Kwok Kui, for keeping a den at 389 Shanghai Street, first floor, was fined \$150 or two months' by Mr. W. H. Lattimer. Cheng Choi, keeper of a den at 41 Battery Street, ground floor, was fined \$200, and \$50 for possession of 3 mace of prepared opium. Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

Ip Nam pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to keeping a den at 603 Shanghai Street, first floor, and to possession of 1.5 mace of prepared opium. He was fined \$125, while Wong Ying, a woman, was fined \$100 for allowing opium smoking at 284 Portland Street, first floor.

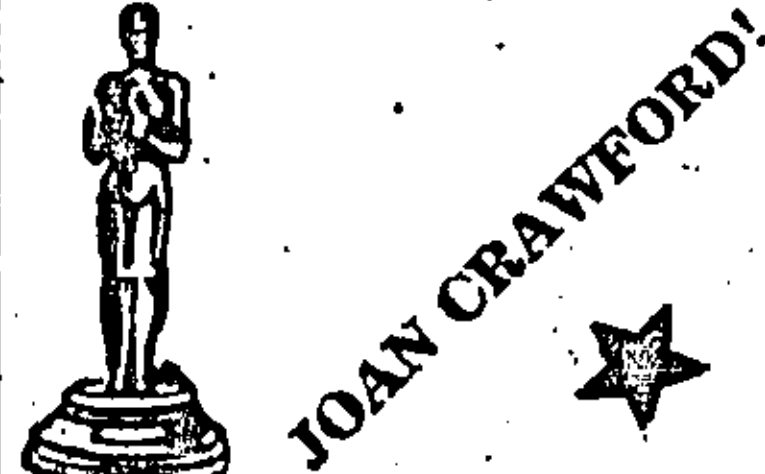
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## THE JAPANESE TREATY

No cut and dried decisions are likely to be reached at the Empire conference which is to open at Canberra next Monday to discuss the future peace treaty with Japan. It is more in the nature of a family council, to exchange views on the various problems that are certain to arise, in the expectation that there will be a greater harmony in approach when the peace conference takes place. For all that, it is not the less important or significant, and with very good reason, the progress of the conversations will be followed with the keenest of interest. It is noteworthy that the two new Dominions of India and Pakistan will be represented and that the Government of Burma, herself on the eve of achieving full independence within or outside the Commonwealth, has also been invited. The British Government will be represented by a strong delegation headed by Lord Addison, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, together with Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Governor-General of Malaya, and Mr. E. J. Williams, British High Commissioner in Australia. The master document governing Allied policy for the future of Japan is, of course still the Potsdam declaration of July 26, 1945, issued over the signatures of President Truman, Winston Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek. (Russia did not declare war on Japan till August 8, 1945). The proclamation, the terms of which were accepted by the Emperor of Japan on August 15, defined the Allies' main intentions as follows: Firstly, Japan's power to make war is to be destroyed. Secondly, the Japanese Government shall remove all obstacles to the revival and strengthening of democratic tendencies among the Japanese people; freedom of speech, religion, thought and respect for fundamental human rights are to be established. Thirdly, Japan is to be permitted to maintain such industries as would sustain her economy and allow exaction from her of just reparations in kind, but she must not maintain those industries which would enable her to rearm for war. To this end, Japan is to be granted access to, but not control of raw materials. Fourthly, Japan is to participate eventually in world trade relations, and fifthly, a peacefully inclined and responsible government is to be established.

The policy then announced was clearly so general in its terms as to leave room for much difference of emphasis in interpretation. It is true that under the leadership of Mr. George Atcheson, no tragically killed on his way to Washington for consultations on these very issues, a considerable amount of work has been done towards closer definition by the policy-makers on the Far Eastern Commission. The Canberra discussions, too, will be helped by the recent visit to Japan of Dr. Evatt, who had long discussions both with the late Mr. Atcheson and General MacArthur, and since his return to Australia has stated that there are no obvious insuperable obstacles to a Japanese treaty settlement affording a stable foundation for security in the Pacific. Moreover, the Australian Government are known to have drawn up proposals for the Japanese treaty and Dr. Evatt is in broad agreement with General MacArthur both on matters of procedure, and of principle. Australian policy, as Dr. Evatt defines it, aims at security against renewed Japanese aggression combined with help to Japan to develop on democratic, peaceful lines. Like the Australian Government, the United Kingdom Government—and it may be taken for granted other participants in the Canberra talks—have devoted much thought and study to the form which the peace treaty should ultimately take. Together, these preliminary conversations promise to be fruitful of good results.

There are two factors in operation against the plan. One is the appalling ignorance of it which exists on every hand. The other is a new line of anti-foreign talk which will have an undoubted effect on Congressmen at a time when they are beginning to look for votes.

I cannot give you a better illustration of the former than by describing an experience of my own the other day.

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## The Marshall Plan And Europe's Twelfth Hour

By Cecil J. Young

Time is running out on the Marshall plan for Europe. By January 1, the great national debate on a subject of the deepest and most historic significance will run the risk of being stifled by the heavy hand of America's domestic politics in a Presidential election year.

There is no sense in anyone in Europe kidding himself that the Marshall plan will then be legislatively, a "sure thing." It will be about as much a "sure thing" as a bet on a horse race. Unless the State Department's educational campaign is a fabulous success, the Marshall plan is likely to reach Congress without being understood or appreciated by an alarming number of Members and the constituents.

British labour leader Herbert Morrison's dramatic—if helplessness—a description of the approach of the "twelfth hour" in Britain's economic crisis has gone practically unheeded here. In Europe, almost unknown to Americans, the nations are scraping the bottoms of their dollar barrels in an unhappy scramble with their last ones that the Marshall plan will go through.

## Twelfth Hour

Few Americans recognise the patently obvious fact that it is not only for Europe that the "twelfth hour" approaches. On the Marshall plan, rests the last hope of the western world, this line for a working and unfettered peaceful economy.

Should the Marshall plan be stalled, stifled or pigeon-holed, as well it might be in an election year, by an orgy of Congressional filibustering, prejudice and sectional politics, then nothing will stand even-thing between western Europe and domination by Moscow but America's big atom bomb.

Every man and woman in Europe should understand the hazards which the Marshall plan will in any event face on its long journey through the House of Representatives and Senate to the desk of President Truman will be increased, rather than decreased, next year.

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cluding three waiters, who were present we asked the question "What do you think of the Marshall plan?" We got this result:

Nine had never heard of it. These included one couple who replied, "We're from out of town," implying that the Marshall plan was something peculiar to New York. Six had heard of it but could give no details.

Three were against the plan, largely on the grounds that it was "just another case of everybody working to get the Yankee dollar," and two were in favour of it. One of these was a waiter who was born in London. He showed us a copy of a letter which he had written to Mr. Marshall, urging "full speed ahead," and the Secretary of State's friendly and grateful reply.

## Public Attitude

If Congressmen in opposition to the Marshall plan get the idea that public apathy is constant in this proportion—by a lack of telegrams, letters and postcards on the subject—they

will be difficult to persuade on the Administration's point of view that America must finance European recovery or run the risk of another war costing far more than the \$47,500,000,000 of World War II.

The anti-foreign talk indicates the line on which opposition to the Marshall plan will stand, in and out of Congress. Don't laugh off the potential strength of this talk. It is developing every day, in public conversation, on the wireless and in some newspaper columns.

Specifically, it seeks to blame all domestic imbalance like inflation and the chronic shortages of cars and housing on the goods which America is shipping abroad. It will attack the Marshall plan on the grounds that further aid to Europe will only intensify these.

One commentator said: "Prices are high because we are shipping so much stuff abroad. It's this top seven percent (export) that makes all the difference in boosting prices."

From another: "It's just another version of the New Deal. Spend and Spend. Only this time we're giving it to foreign politicians instead of to Americans. Those foreign countries ought to stop depending on us. They're just getting into the habit."

## In All Fairness

A columnist in a newspaper read by 2,000,000 began his attack on the Marshall plan by saying: "In all fairness to our ever-loving moochers and mendicant nations on the continent of Europe, somebody should take those quarrelling and nasty brats on the knee and gently explain to them some of the life, with particular reference to the gentle art of international begging."

The isolationism which this talk represents has definitely reappeared on the American scene, threatening the whole future of Europe. Some of it is based on the pessimistic assumption that Europe can't be saved anyway and some on the belief that if America can't afford \$47,500,000,000 in income tax relief—President Truman recently vetoed two bills for this—she can't afford to spend any more money on foreign aid.

The magnitude of the task in educating Congress and the people should not be underestimated. Congress is growing increasingly truculent about foreign spending; the people themselves are apathetic. That's the position. Say your prayers for General Marshall. He has his work cut out for him.

Tokyo, August 19.

For the first time since the end of the war, production of steel ingots in Japan climbed in June to a rate equivalent to 1,030,000 metric tons annually in June.—Associated Press.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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## DON'T SPOIL THE SOUP

If you knew the cook had just completed a delicious pot of soup, flavoured as only a genius could season it, would you shake a lot of extra salt and pepper into it? That, in effect, is exactly what you do—or at least take a chance of doing—if you double a grand slam suit contract you expect to set by leading an ace, when the warning may cause the opponent's partner to take him out in a higher suit or No Trumps and thereby make your partner the opening leader. If he guesses the wrong suit, then your double has spoiled the soup.

S. A J 9 8 5  
H. 10 8 6 3  
D. A K 6  
C. J 6

S. 4 2  
H. 2  
D. Q 10 7  
C. A 9 8 5

S. K Q J 7  
H. A K Q J 7 5 4  
D. None  
C. K Q

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South West North East  
1 H Pass 1 S Pass  
3 H Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 D DBL 6 NT Pass  
7 D DBL

Can you find the four "bugs" in that auction? Yes—count 'em—four. The first was perpetrated by West when he doubled South's 5 Diamond response to the Blackwood 4-No Trumps. Looking ahead, he could have foreseen the possibility that North might play the hand in some kind of slam contract, in which event East would be the leader and, because of the diamond double would surely open that suit instead of clubs.

Public Auction: At the Auction Mart, Queen's Road, on an early date hereafter to be named—2230 Shank Boners; 2500 Harms and 1 bag of Hoofs; 2000 Treonalls; all just landed from New South Wales. Also, a few Dinner Sets, and sundry other Articles. FRANKLYN & MILNE, Auctioneers.

The second sour action was South's lackout of the 6 No Trumps, into 7-Hearts. North, having started the Blackwood, was the only member of the pair who knew how many aces the side held, and should have been allowed to select the declaration. South let his terrific general strength and his blank suit influence him—and of course he would have been all right if North's minor suit ace had been in clubs instead of diamonds.

The third "bug" was West's double of the 7-Hearts. He was in position to lay down the club A as opening leader, and his double risked scaring North into 7-Spades or 7-No Trumps, at which East would have been the leader and would surely have led a diamond after West's earlier double of the Blackwood response.

And the fourth borer was North's failure to take out into 7-No Trumps. A minor criticism could have been on North's not bidding 3-Hearts his first turn or South 3-Spades on his second. The result? Of course West led his club A.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 10 7 2  
H. A K 5  
D. Q 10 5 4  
C. 6 2

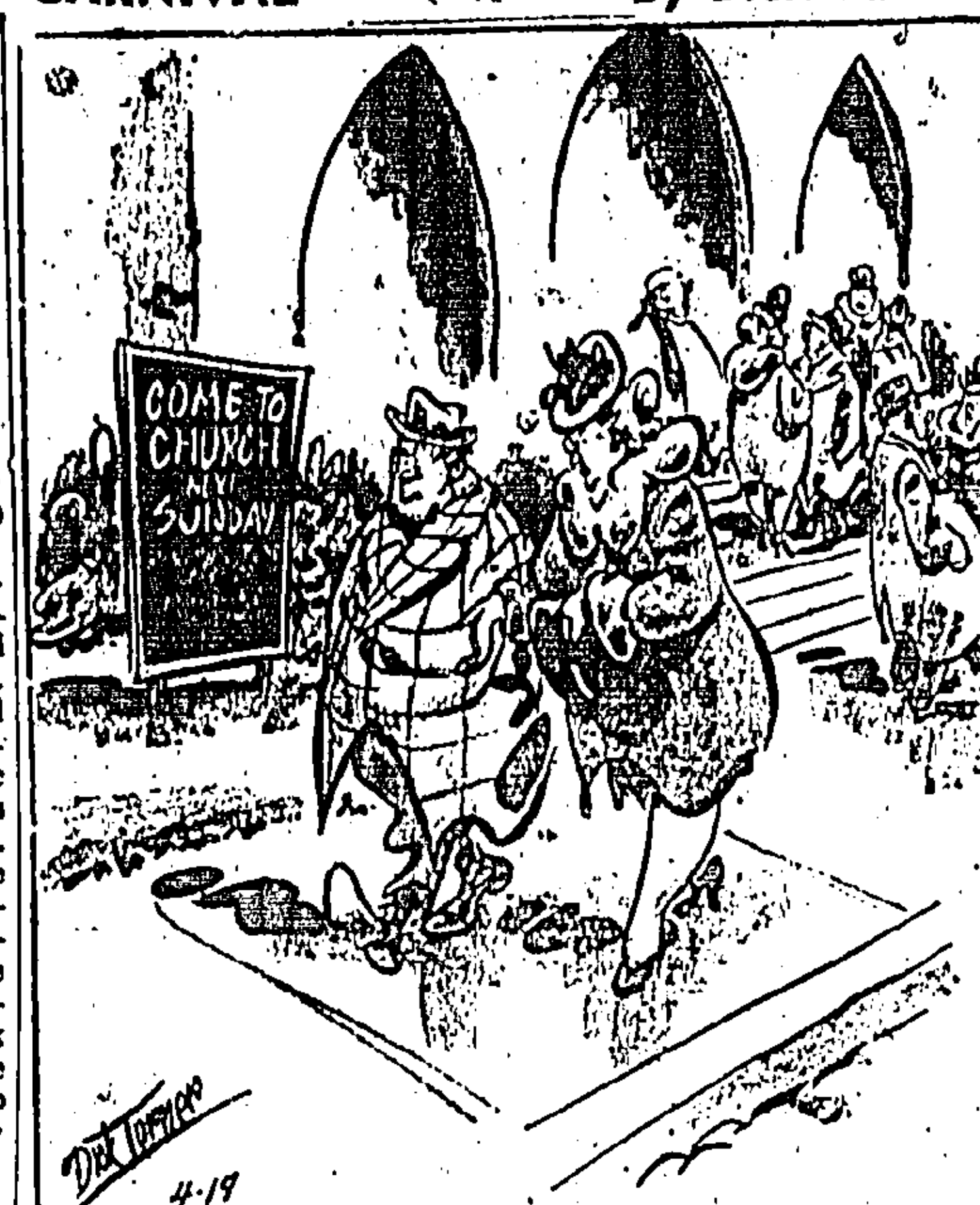
S. J 8 6 5  
H. Q 10 9  
D. 7  
C. 7 4 3

S. A Q 9 4  
H. J 4  
D. A K J 2  
C. X X X

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

After South's 1-Diamond, North's 2-Diamonds, and South's 2-Spades, what is North's smartest bid?

## CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"You may as well go back to your Sunday golf, Elmo—can't have you hollering 'fore' in your sleep during the sermon!"

## Which Way Is Britain Steering?

More than a century ago a poet wrote that with  
"A wet sheet and a flowing sail  
And a wind that follows free,  
Away the good ship flies and leaves  
"Old England on the lee!"

Those words still sound nice and fresh and breezy—as sea songs should—but we have never been told what was the fate of the ship.

Although he may be a trifle confused in the matter of his navigation the poet seems to have been cheerful enough about the situation. But it may well be doubted whether the skipper was in the same mood. Even a life on the ocean wave has its drawbacks and the danger of being driven by a following wind onto a lee shore is one of them.

We, that is to say the informed multitude of the public, are today especially concerned about the fate of the ship because it would seem that we are in very much the same situation—not to say the same boat—as was the old shipmaster.

## The Crew

Our ship of state is said to be in danger and there is a growing fear, or at least an uneasiness as to whether the crew (using the word politely—of course) which directs it from Westminster, can keep it afloat. As a newspaper said the other day—the more surprisingly since it has hitherto generally supported the present administration—"things are going badly for the Government—and the country. Everybody knows the answer to our troubles. The answer is leadership. Leadership would direct the national effort. It would breathe life and vigour into a plan which would stimulate the country to bigger achievements. But there is no leadership—there is no plan."

"So what? While we are waiting for 'The idiot who praises with enthusiastic tone  
'Every century but this and every country but his own,' to come along and tell us just what Pitt would have done and how much more effectively such a position would have been dealt with in Tibet. Let us leave the great problems to the great intellects and watch our little world and let the minds of our Ministers and governing folk go round and round."

## Blasphemy

Take the building position. There was a time when the Government was young and full of high idealism when it was little short of blasphemy to suggest that the British working man did not always work as hard as he might, or to question that he toiled only to make manifest the dignity of labour. Indeed he never, never, never (or almost) never slackened.

And now what a change is here. The Health Minister, who looks after buildings as well as bacteria, declares that emotional appeals to the building operatives have failed. "There is," he said, "no excuse. The output of building labour is not what we are entitled to expect. This is no reflection on the building operative. It is a general reflection on human nature. It appears to be fundamental to all of us that we do not do our best work under sustained ideological inspiration. We have to have more material reward."

## TRADE TALKS

London, Aug. 18.

Anglo-Yugoslav trade talks opened today at the Board of Trade.

The Yugoslav delegation is headed by Mr. Stanislav Kopeck, Deputy Minister of Industry, and the British delegation is led by Mr. Harold Wilson, the Secretary for Overseas Trade.

It also emerges that ideological inspiration may be sustained—even perhaps stimulated—by a chance to earn an incentive bonus. A suggestion which in itself would have been a sin against the spirit only a couple of years ago.

Turn to the coal question. It is world-wide knowledge that we are short of coal; that we now produce barely enough to keep our home fires burning, let alone the fires of other lands, as we did once upon a time. Moreover that the output was seriously declining.

It was conceived that the best way to half the decrease was to work shorter hours in the mines and for a time the output, encouraged by a five-day week, actually increased—only to drop later. And now it is being suggested that, although the Government will in no circumstances go back upon the shorter hours agreement, perhaps the miners might be willing to work for an extra half hour a day "just to oblige us, old man."

It may be the miners will agree but if the Government wants willing support for any plans it may be hatching to avoid a crisis, then the public, like a man from Missouri, will just have to be shown. Many of the Government's difficulties of today have been intensified by its inveterate officialism and failure to tell the people the facts.

Today the Government is being forced by circumstances, and even by some of its own supporters, to tell us the truth. However, all may be well in the end if only the Government realises that the British public may be won over by persuasion and not by force. It may even be enjoined.—United Press.

## They Crab At Crabmeat

Tokyo, Aug. 19.

The first blow at Japan's reopened private trade came when three American businessmen decided not to buy Japanese canned crab because they believe it inferior to the prawn product.

They said the labels were the same but the contents were third class and some were discoloured. The Americans told the canners their decision was for the good of Japan's future market. The Board of Trade said it would order an immediate investigation.—Associated Press.



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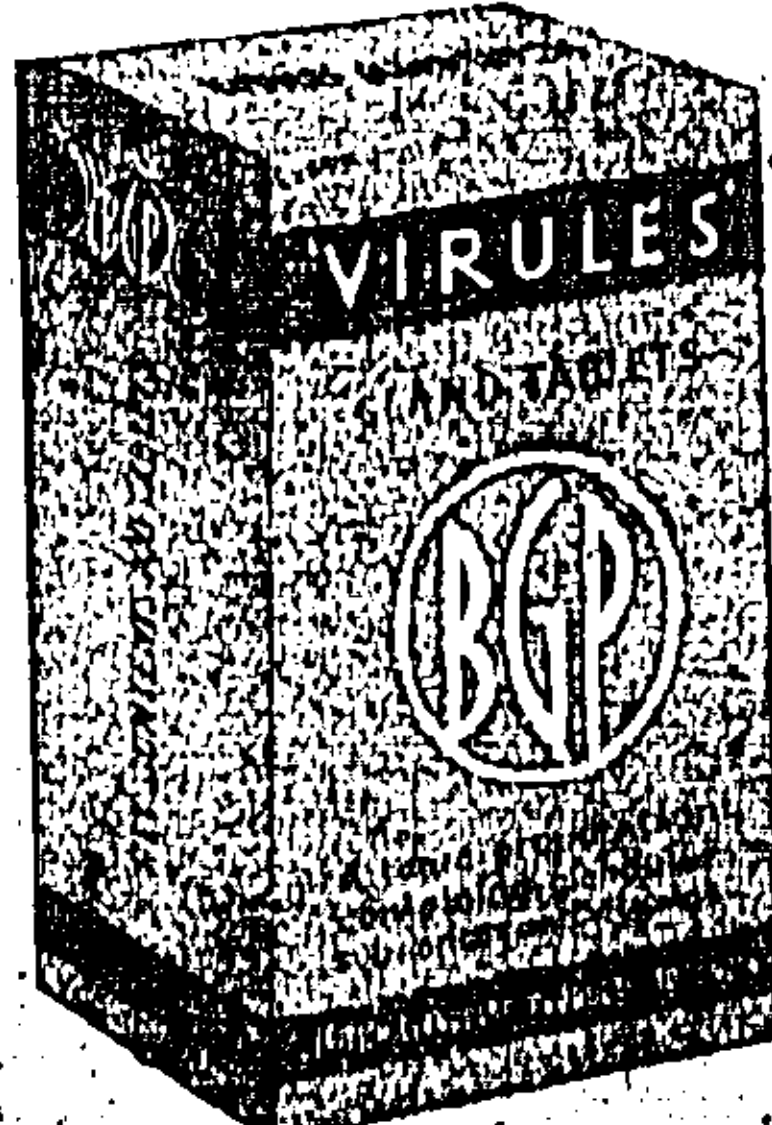
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## UNEASINESS GROWS IN BURMA

### Armed Clashes Near Homes Of Cabinet Leaders

### Attempts On Lives Feared

Burma, Aug. 18.  
Frequent shooting in Rangoon and reports of at-  
tempts on the lives of Ministers heightened gen-  
eral uneasiness in Burma.

The latest among shooting affrays in Rangoon  
took place at the headquarters of the Peoples  
Volunteer Corps, next to the residence of  
Prime Minister Thakin Nu.

Shooting also occurred near  
the homes of other Cabinet  
Ministers, and a high police  
source said today that these in-  
cidents were "probably attempts  
on the lives of the new govern-  
ment."

Unknown gunmen staged a 15  
minute battle with guards at  
the Jubilee Hall where the ho-

## Clash Of Troops Alleged

NEW DELHI, AUG. 19.  
A. C. BHATIA, HINDU AS-  
SISTANT EDITOR OF THE  
"LAHORE TRIBUNE," ONE OF  
THE OLDEST ENGLISH LAN-  
GUAGE NEWSPAPERS IN IN-  
DIA, REPORTS THAT IN  
LAHORE AND AMRITSAR LAST  
WEEK, BOUNDARY FORCE  
SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE ON  
EACH OTHER TO PROTECT  
REFUGEES OF THEIR RESPEC-  
TIVE RELIGIOUS COMMUN-  
ITIES WHO WERE BEING  
EVACUATED BY TRAIN.

Bhatia, describing the tribal  
clashes, said the Dogra Hindus  
and the Baluch Moslems fought  
at Lahore railway station last  
Thursday, and on the same day,  
he witnessed a three way clash  
among Sikhs, Baluchis and  
Dogra-Gruha elements at Am-  
ritsar, the holy city of the Sikhs.

All of these groups have  
contributed outstanding fighting  
units to the British Imperial  
forces.

Reports of clashes between  
boundary troops were neither  
confirmed nor denied by the  
headquarters of the armed forces,  
which have been prompt to deny  
any information considered in-  
accurate.

Bhatia described Lahore as a  
city of terror. He said that a  
newspaper which until a month  
ago had been a strong supporter  
of the predominantly Hindu Con-  
gress Party, had been forced to  
suspend publication and evacuate  
its employees, three of whom  
were attacked fatally last Wednes-  
day at the railway station.—As-  
sociated Press.

## Fact Is, Neither Did

Buenos Aires, Aug. 19.  
Victory claims in the battle  
for Asuncion were put forth by  
both sides on Monday in the  
Paraguayan civil war.

A government communique  
from the Paraguayan capital  
declared loyalist troops were  
advancing in all sectors in pur-  
suit of the rebels, who are flee-  
ing in complete disorder.

A rebel communique said their  
troops had taken the river port  
of Villita, south of Asuncion,  
thus completing the siege of the  
capital.—Associated Press.

## Bid To "Ginger" Up Ramadier

Lyons, Aug. 18.  
Moving to avert what it termed "certain famine  
and financial catastrophe," the French Social-  
ist Party today adopted a far-reaching motion  
designed to permit Government requisition of  
wheat and other crops if farmers continued  
to hoard.

The motion, adopted unani-  
mously, also called for the estab-  
lishment of a Government-owned  
meat purchasing monopoly.

Also included in the motion  
were demands for far-reaching  
controls over industry and finance,  
outlawing the production of  
"secondary products," halting of  
importation of "unnecessary"  
consumer and industrial products,  
prohibition of new commercial  
enterprises, adjustment of salaries  
to the cost of living, put a tem-  
porary halt on any spiralling of  
prices and Government authority  
to force circulation of hoarded  
bank notes.

Although the demands are only  
in the form of a motion, they re-  
present a virtual order to Social-  
ist Premier, Paul Ramadier, to  
seek Government approval and  
implementation of them.

The Congress adopted a mo-  
tion which, while not calling for  
M. Ramadier's resignation, re-  
quired more orthodox Socialism,  
while a motion presented by pro-  
Ramadier Socialists endorsing his  
policies and calling for his un-  
qualified continuance at the head  
of the French Government, fail-  
ed to pass.—United Press.

## Rebellion Against High Prices

Croydon, Aug. 18.  
Two thousand women queuing at a vegetable stall  
in the Store Arcade at Croydon today, were told, "We  
want to sell this stuff at your price. You tell us the price."  
The women agreed to pay one shilling for a pound  
of tomatoes, three pence each for ridge cucumbers, and six  
pence for a pound of peas and runner beans, and sixpence  
and twopenny for cauliflowers.

The store had given 30 yards of their arcade space  
to farmers and market gardeners who have rebelled against  
the vegetable prices and began selling their produce direct-  
ly to the public. The movement is spreading to the other  
points of London and provinces.

Two thousand shoppers are expected to visit Croy-  
don Arcade again tomorrow when 14 tons of vegetables will  
be on sale.—Reuter.

## Pakistan Admitted To United Nations

Lake Success, New York, Aug. 18.  
The Security Council tonight recommended the  
admission of Pakistan to the United Nations  
unanimously.

The Security Council rejected Outer Mongolia's  
membership application by three votes to  
three, with five abstentions.

Russia, Poland and Syria  
voted for and the United States,  
Britain and China against.

Albania's application for  
membership was also lost in the  
Council here today when four  
members voted for admission,  
four against with three absten-  
tions.

Sir Alexander Cadogan of  
Britain opposed the admission  
of Albania, declaring that Al-  
bania suffered two disabilities.

1. The majority of the Unit-  
ed Nations Security Council  
found Albania was aware of  
the mining of Corfu Channel.  
2. The majority of the Bal-  
kan Commission found Albania  
guilty of stirring up strife in  
Greece.

"Under these circumstances,"

Britain cannot agree here and  
now to the admission of Al-  
bania," he said.

The vote on Transjordan's  
application which came before  
the Council was nine in favour,  
the Soviet Union against with  
Poland abstaining.

Russia vetoed the admission  
of Elre.

The Soviet delegate, M. An-  
drei Gromyko, referred to the  
alleged he'd given by Elre to  
the Axis Powers during the war  
as one reason why he could not  
support the application.

Nine voted for the admission  
of Elre. Russia was against  
and Poland abstaining.

Russia then vetoed the ad-  
mission of Portugal.

After the Polish and Soviet  
delegates had repeated the ac-  
cusation that Portugal helped  
Franco Spain and maintained  
friendly relations with it.

Mr. Herschel Johnson (Unit-  
ed States) said: "No educated  
person in his right mind would  
accuse Portugal of not being  
peace-loving. Portugal helped  
the Allies during the war un-  
like some other countries which  
could be mentioned."—Reuter.

## SEA-AND-AIR SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 19.

Northwest Airlines and  
American President Lines, an-  
nounced on Monday a coopera-  
tive agreement for interrelated  
sea and air passenger service.

The companies are also con-  
sidering a similar arrangement  
on cargo.—Associated Press.

## Later Boundary Revision Possible

New Delhi, Aug. 18.  
The possibility of a revision of the boundaries be-  
tween the new Dominions of Pakistan and In-  
dia, announced yesterday by the Boundary  
Commissions, was suggested tonight in a joint  
statement by the Prime Ministers of East and  
West Bengal.

Appealing to the population  
on both sides of the boundary  
to accept the Commissions'  
award for Bengal, they said,  
according to reports quoted  
here, that nothing could prevent  
the leaders of India and  
Pakistan coming to a new  
agreement.

The situation is more strain-  
ed in the Pakistan side of  
Bengal because the Sikhs are  
left with a considerable  
minority.

The Premiers of East and  
West Punjab have also issued a  
joint statement referring to the  
recent rioting in Lahore and  
Amritsar. They stated that  
their Governments would take  
every step to bring the tragedy  
to an end.

The relief of refugees would  
be organized jointly, the state-  
ment added.

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minis-  
ter of the Dominion of India,  
and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan,  
Prime Minister of Pakistan,  
after conferring yesterday in  
Amritsar, East Punjab, and  
Lahore, West Punjab, today  
visited Amritsar, the chief city  
of East Punjab and the "Holy  
City" of the Sikhs.

Arrangements are being made  
for a concerted action by the  
Governments of East and West

Punjab with the support of the  
Central Governments of India  
and Pakistan.

All officers would be fully ap-  
ported by their respective Gov-  
ernments in any action taken  
by them.—Reuter.

The Committee's survey made  
public at the White House said  
that any future attack would  
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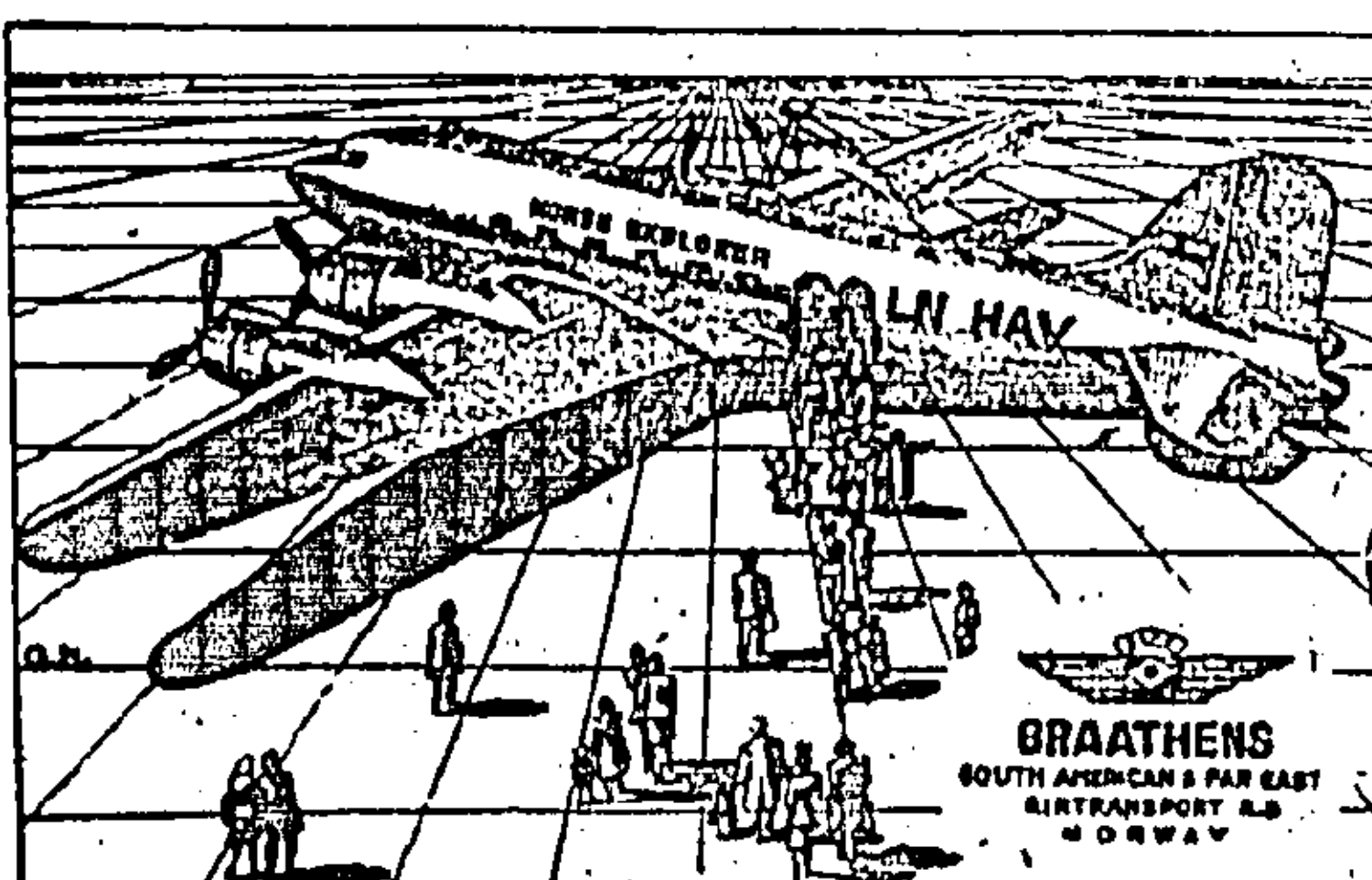
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## Yachtsmen Have Job For Weatherman!

Yachtsmen would like to have met the man who forecast "light to moderate east winds with scattered showers" for last Sunday. "West wind" and "Ariki" were both cruising to the West of the harbour when a good black squall came up with very strong winds, torrential rain and practically nil visibility, and both yachts had to run downwind under headsails only for shelter. Both helmsmen could have found a nice job exposed on deck for the weather forecaster!

Talking of yachtsmen and cruising, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has decided to go ahead with the building of a class of "Ariki" yachts. They will be much the same as the pre-war "A" with the new plan, fitting to the Dragon design. The principal dimensions of these yachts are L.O.A. 24 ft. 2 1/2 in., B. 7 ft. 6 in., D. 1 ft. 6 in., maximum breadth over deck 6 ft. 6 in., draft 3 ft. 11 in. and with an iron keel weighing 2200 lbs. It is Bermuda Slooping with standing rigging well aboard.

All those who may be interested in purchasing a whole or part share in one of these new "A" should contact the Secretary as soon as possible if they want to enjoy the advantages of getting into the first "batch". Two classes of centre-board boat are also under consideration and will be shown to the public during the coming season.

Meanwhile, the "Stars" remain very popular. The first race in a second Helmsman's series was held last Saturday afternoon. Very briefly these series consist of 8 races, open to all club members, and a Helmsman must compete in 4 of the 8 races to qualify. Last Saturday afternoon's race was one of varied fortunes. "Bellatrix" with a newly-scrubbed bottom led all the way to win by 4 minutes, whilst "Daphne" had the misfortune to be dismasted during the last lap. The result of this race was:

**LAWN BOWLS**  
A friendly lawn bowls match between the "Cricketers" and the "Footballers" will be played at K.C.C. on Saturday, at 4 p.m. The following are the teams: "Cricketers"—V. C. Hung, D. Hung, R. Leigh and E. C. Fincher (Skip). "Footballers"—J. Chubb, F. E. Lawrence, C. Pope and J. Orem (Skip).

The "Dingles" race on Saturday afternoon was also one of varied fortune. Many dingles were seen to be leaking, probably because they have not been kept out of the sun during the week. Great credit goes to the winner, Lt. Brookes R.N., of H.M.S. "Amethyst". As the starting gun went so his peak halyard parted and down came the mainsail. By climbing to the mast head, and miraculously not capsizing the boat as a result, the sail was eventually rehoisted and he went on to win the race.

**Sing Tao To Find Out Real Form**  
Shortly after the first six members of the Sing Tao football team and their adviser Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association, arrived in Britain by B.O.A.C. flying boat, they travelled to London and were officially welcomed by Mr. J. Ralston, of the English Football Association.

The first game of Sing Tao's tour is against Dulwich Hamlet on August 23, and they will put in some hard training for the first kick off.

**Team Races**  
A new league competition for teams will commence in October. Meanwhile a number of friendly team races are being organised on Sunday mornings. I have already commented on last Sunday's weather—the Officer-of-the-Day at K.C.C. reports in similar terms.

Sunday brought forth easterly winds with strong intermittent rain squalls. It was decided to run the team-race, originally arranged for the Stars, as a five-side dinghy race. Wilkinson's team against Chidell's. A particularly strong rain squall made it necessary to shorten the course half way round. After having capsized and several other boats being in difficulties with split sails and broken halyards.

Nevertheless seven out of the ten boats completed the shortened course and the final result showed a narrow victory to Chidell's team, beating Wilkinson's team by 26-24.

It may be mentioned that a race like this brings in its wake a lot of maintenance work, which, at the Yacht Club, must at present be voluntary labour. Members who like to make themselves useful can do the Club a great service by spending an evening or two early in the week, checking over the dinghy or Star they raced the previous weekend, and doing themselves what repairs and re-rigging that may be necessary. Every privately owned yacht automatically gets this attention from its owner.

All club members are part owners of club boats and must be prepared to give this time and effort to club boats if they are to be comparable to privately owned yachts. Anyhow, it is a surprisingly pleasant hobby to repair or re-rig a sailing craft, and it is a very good thing to keep your hand in now on the club

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## Middlesex Lead In County Cricket

London, Aug. 18. Middlesex today defeated Gloucestershire in two days by 68 runs, and thus won the dramatic struggle for leadership in the county cricket championship table with 200 points to Gloucestershire's 192. Both sides have four more matches to play.

The fortunes of the game, as on the opening day, changed considerably. Middlesex, 36 runs ahead with one man out at the start of the day, were all out for 141. Tom Goddard, 47-year-old spin bowler again making the ball turn considerably, claimed eight wickets for 86 for a splendid match analysis of 15 for 156.

Set to get 169 Gloucestershire never looked like achieving the task.

The close of play scores today were: At Cheltenham: Middlesex beat Gloucestershire by 68 runs. Middlesex 180 and 141 (Goddard eight for 86). Gloucestershire 153 and 100 (Young five for 27).

At Dover: Kent 487 for five declared and 186 for five. Leicestershire 307 (Tomkin 54, Jackson 145).

At Birmingham: Sussex 230 and 286 (John Langridge 95). Lancashire 118 and 192 for no wickets (Thompson 69 not out, Maudsley 58 not out).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire 216 and 224 (Hill five for 62). At Manchester: Lancashire 332 and 16 for no wickets. Nottinghamshire 348 for nine declared (Keston 52, Reddick 90, Ikin five for 98).

At Cardiff: Surrey 178 and 232 (Fishlock 76, Muncer nine for 98). Glamorgan 823 (Watkins 110), and 28 for one.

At Worcester: Yorkshire 402 and 154 for five declared (Coxon 56 not out). Worcestershire 155 (Wyatt 61 not out, Robinson four for 35) and 67 for three.

At Weston-super-Mare: Somerset beat Northamptonshire by five wickets. Northants 230 and 148 (Hazel five for 42). Somerset 212 (May 56) and 168 for five (Walford 72 not out).—Reuter.

Eastman and F. Goodwin (Skip). Reserve:—W. Howard. Players unable to turn out are requested to inform Mr. E. C. Fincher.

## North China Warfare

Nanking, Aug. 18. Reports from Shantung Province said today that Chinese troops have captured three more important towns in their offensive along the Tsinan railway.

The towns are Chowtsun, railway station 46 miles east of Tsinan, Tschuan, and Changshan, 55 and 48 miles south-east and north-east of Tsinan respectively.

One Nationalist column is reported to be attacking Poshan, 15 miles south of Tschuan, which is said to be the last major town in Communist hands south of the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway.

Government action in the Tsinan area is believed to be a continuation of a drive started over a year ago to open up the full length of the Nanking-Peking railway which was stalled by heavy Communist defences in Shantung. There, the Reds reportedly were receiving heavy supplies through Soviet-held Dalren and Port Arthur.—United Press.

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## H. Kong Football League Meeting

The application of 17 clubs for admission to the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League was the major problem before the League Management Committee at its first meeting held in the Association offices yesterday.

After Mr. H.K. Lee had declined the chairmanship of the Committee, owing to the uncertainty of his stay in the Colony, Mr. R.M. Omar was elected.

When the acceptance of teams to the First Division came up for discussion Mr. J. Skinner, chairman of the Council, said that after allowing for inter-ports, shield competitions and representative games there were only about 23 playing week-ends for league football.

The most the First Division could accommodate was 14 teams, though 12 teams was the ideal position.

After much discussion it was decided that the following teams be admitted to the First Division: Club, St. Joseph's, South China, Sing Tao, Chinese Athletic, Royal Navy, Inlandmill, Yduo (shortly), Buffs, Devons, and 25th Field Artillery.

The application of the Kowloon Bus Sports Club was refused. Mr. H.K. Lee, on behalf of Sing Tao, withdrew his "B" team.

**Kit Chee**  
In their application for admission to First Division, Kit Chee said that they had been affiliated with the Association for the past twelve years. Included in the ranks of many First Division Chinese teams were members of their club who had left so that they could play in better football circles. All were prepared to return to Kit Chee if it was admitted to the First Division.

In reply to a question, Mr. C. Gulgum (representing Junior Clubs) said that the committee of Kit Chee was a strong one, composed of men who took a great interest in football for the sake of the game. Kit Chee had been a nursery for many teams.

It was decided that certain required information be obtained from the following clubs by the next meeting, on Tuesday, August 26, before the composition of the First Division be decided finally.

Police, R.A.F., Kit Chee, Eastern and Kwong Wah. As 24 teams had entered for the junior division it was decided that the Second Division be split into two sections.

It was also decided that the closing date for entries for the Seven-a-Side Stanley Shield competition be August 26.

**Flood In Japan**  
Tokyo, Aug. 19. More than 4,000 Japanese are homeless today as a result of flood waters which engulfed Asahigawa, Hokkaido, in Northern Japan, it is announced by the Eighth Army Military Government welfare section.

Fifteen persons are reported missing. Area supply water is contaminated and the region is at present without sufficient food.

A Military Government team has rushed in medical and food supplies. It is believed that the flood waters will subside within the next four or five days.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE SENTENCED

Tokyo, Aug. 19. SCAP's legal section today announced that the American Eighth Army Military Commission in Yokohama had sentenced four Japanese to terms from 20 to 30 years' hard labour for ill-treating Allied prisoners-of-war. All four were found guilty of contributing to the death of an American who was beaten over the head with an iron pipe after attempting to escape.—Reuter.

## Inverchapel Re-Marries Ex-Spouse

Edinburgh, Aug. 19. Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to Washington, remarried his wife at Edinburgh Registry Office today in a rush ceremony caused by orders for his immediate return to the United States.

Lord Inverchapel was forced to cut short his vacation at his home in Scotland. He will emplane for New York tomorrow.

He divorced his first wife—the former Maria Teresa Diaz Salas—in Edinburgh in 1945 on grounds that she deserted him in 1941. They were married in a lavish ceremony at her home in Santiago, Chile, in 1929.

The remarriage took place a few minutes after Lord Inverchapel received a licence granted only in emergencies.—United Press.

## Flood Relief Appropriation

Nanking, Aug. 19. The Executive Yuan today appropriated \$4,000,000 for the relief of more than 5,000,000 people rendered homeless by the floods in North Kiangsu and have requested the Government to extend loans aggregating \$100,000,000 to farmers for the reclamation of inundated farm lands.

At the same time, CNRRA in Shanghai announced a huge rehabilitation programme calling for the purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of wheat seeds for free distribution this autumn among the farmers of Honan's flooded areas.

It added that the land reclamation programme designed to aid the farmers during this autumn's ploughing period, from September 19 to October 16, requires the purchase of 10,000,000 lbs. of wheat seeds to cover an estimated total of 1,000,000 mu of land in the flooded areas of Honan.—Reuter.

## Smuts Replies In The Negative

London, Aug. 18. General Smuts, the Prime Minister of the South African Union, has told Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of the Dominion of India, that South Africa cannot accept the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly's resolution as a basis for discussion between the Union and India.

This is disclosed in a letter released in London today and dated July 28, sent by General Smuts to Pandit Nehru in reply to the latter's conditions for the resumption of relations between the two countries.

General Smuts's letter reads: "I have your letter of the 24th of June and note that you insist that the Union Government should accept the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly's resolution as a basis for discussion between the two Governments."

"I assume that you mean that the Union Government must admit that they have broken the agreements between the two Governments and violated the principle of the Charter."

"The Union Government is not prepared to make any such admissions in respect of the issues which you yourself refer to as 'so highly contentious'."

"They have broken no agreements, and have violated no principles of the Charter. They are not even sure what agreements and principles are referred to, as they request for an advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice on the matter has been refused."

"In view of this uncertainty and obscurity, they have suggested that the return of your High Commissioner and consultation with him might assist to clear up difficulties and make further progress possible."

"In view of the vagueness and generality of the charges against the Union and the highly charged emotional atmosphere in which they were discussed, the Union Government must be specially on their guard against complying with your request and accepting the so-called implications of the resolution referred to."

"The refusal of the Indian Government to avail themselves of the offices of their own High Commissioner, and the enforcement of unilateral trade sanctions against the Union without the authorisation of the United Nations are of such an unfriendly character that there is little prospect of an advantage from consultations between the two Governments under such circumstances."

"Should, however, the Indian Government see fit to change its attitude in this regard, the way may be opened for discussions between them which may be more promising of ultimate success."—Reuter.

## SITUATION IN GREECE "INTOLERABLE"

London, Aug. 18. Urgent measures to end what he called "the present intolerable situation in Greece," were called for today by the Greek Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, who is now in London on his way to Athens from New York.

As a result of the filibustering tactics in the United Nations Security Council, he said, hundreds of Greek lives, including women and children, were being lost in Greece every day.

"Reconstruction of the country is seriously hampered," he said in an interview. "Because of insecurity, people do not work on the land, and 200,000 peasants have had to leave their villages and take refuge in the towns."

"The national economy is sustaining losses running into millions every day. If the Security Council does not arrive at a quick decision, conditions will be created which will render the whole problem insoluble."

"I wish to stress that every fresh step by Greece's neighbours is a frontal attack directed against the independence of Greece."

"Every fresh move by them—such as the 'constitutional charter' of the rebel leader, Markos, last night—which derives encouragement from the Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, before the Security Council, is nothing but a fresh link in the chain whose ultimate aim is to produce a general explosion in the Balkans."

**In His Knapsack?**  
Regarding Markos's claim to control of 200 villages in Greece, M. Tsaldaris said: "Our General Staff was obliged to leave a belt of country 15 kilometres in depth from the Yugoslavian-Bulgarian-Albanian frontier so as to avoid the danger of missiles dropping across the border. Otherwise, neighbouring countries might get the excuse for charging Greece with provocation."

"Markos has not been able to establish his authority over any part of Greek territory. If he proclaims a Greek Government, he will have to carry it about in his knapsack."

Asked about rumours of eventual reshuffle of the Greek Government after his return to Athens, M. Tsaldaris said: "No fundamental differences exist among members of the Greek Government, who have behind them 85 per cent of the electorate. In any coalition government, certain differences of opinion and point of view are bound to arise. I have been away from the country for about two months, but in my opinion no major crisis inside the Government is to be expected."

**NO "CHOSEN INSTRUMENT"**  
Washington, Aug. 19. President Harry Truman's Air Coordinating Committee has rejected the idea of a single airline for American commercial flying abroad.

The so-called "chosen instrument" plan, subject of sharp exchanges in the recent Senate Committee investigation of Howard Hughes plane contracts, was turned down by the committee on these grounds.

(1) — that competition stimulates development.

(2) — That the single line plan would allow a small group of individuals to "interfere in policies of great national interest."—Associated Press.

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11.00 p.m.—Close Down.